

# RED ARMY DRIVES 65 MILES INTO CENTRAL FINLAND

**What's Behind  
'Relief' for  
Finland?**  
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**Weather**  
Local—Cloudy and colder, with  
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colder, with snow flurries.  
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colder.

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# 62 PROMINENT AMERICANS ISSUE CALL TO DEFEND CIVIL LIBERTIES IN U. S.

## Red Army Drives 65 Miles Into Finland

**Advances on 2 Fronts;  
Pushing South Around  
Lake Ladoga Shore**

(By Cable to the Daily Worker.)  
**MOSCOW, Thursday, Dec. 14.**—Red Army forces drove forward on two sectors in Finland Wednesday, a Red Army communique issued early today said.

On the Central Finland front, Soviet troops battling towards Oulu (Uleaborg), at the head of the Gulf of Bothnia, advanced to a point 65 miles from the Soviet-Finnish border. This put the Red Army halfway across Finland at its narrowest point, where it is 125 miles wide.

On the sector just north of Lake Ladoga, on the southern part of the frontier, Soviet troops continued to push around the northern lake shore towards Sortavala, key to the northern flank of Viipturi (Viborg) seaport.

The foggy weather and persistent low-hanging clouds kept the Soviet air force, a major weapon of the Red Army, on the ground for a full week. The only Red air force operations took place during the first days of hostilities, when the Helsinki and Viipturi airports were bombed.

**ROUGH COUNTRY**  
[The advance on the Central Finland front has been steady despite great terrain difficulties. There are few roads in this barren part of Finland, and the scattered villages and towns are scores of miles apart.]

[The average pace of the advance has been five miles a day, though Soviet communications have to be established and maintained across great distances under considerable difficulties.]

On the Sortavala sector the town of Kiteala was taken by the Red Army force which previously had been on the railway between Pitkanen and Sortavala.

**WEATHER HALTS PLANES**

The communique was the 13th issued by the headquarters of the Leningrad military district since the Red Army was ordered to join the Finnish People's Army set up by the Finnish People's Government to crush the seat of imperialism war machinations in Finland. It said:

"On Dec. 13, on the Ukhta axis (Central Finland), Soviet troops advanced 105 kilometers from the state frontier.

"On the Petrozavodsk axis (north of Lake Ladoga), they occupied the town and station of Kiteala on the railway line between Pitkanen and Sortavala (Serdobol)."

"Due to unfavorable weather, no air action took place."

## Chinese Hit Enemy in Two Surprise Drives

**CHUNGKING, Dec. 13 (UP).**—Chinese troops inflicted heavy casualties on Japanese armies in a large-scale counter-offensive in southwestern Shansi, northern Hunan and northern Kiangsi provinces today, according to well-informed quarters here.

The Japanese were taken by surprise since they were unaware that the Chinese were planning an attack, it was said. The Japanese are in serious difficulties, Chinese said, because they are attempting to conduct simultaneous campaigns in south and central China.

## Text of Statement: 'In Defense of Civil Rights'

The complete text of the document, "In Defense of the Bill of Rights," reads as follows:

WE, the undersigned, believe that civil liberties are the distinguishing mark of American democracy. We believe, furthermore, that the Bill of Rights must apply to the rights of all Americans—or that it will prove a cheat for all. We do not accept the dangerous proposition, now being broadcast from certain quarters, that civil rights can be withheld from this dissident minority or that, at the pleasure of those who may have the power to do so.

Therefore, we feel compelled to speak out sharply and boldly at this moment. When forces exist, as we believe they do now exist, whose objective effect—if not their secret purpose—is the destruction of civil liberties, blindness to facts becomes dangerous, pious protestations of liberalism become mockery, and failure to speak out courageously becomes criminal. The objective effect, furthermore, is to create war hysteria and to incite witch-hunts at a time when unity for peace in the face of international events is a condition for our further progress as a nation of free men.

We recognize the following blunt facts: 1. That the Dies Committee is talking openly of the suppression of dissident groups, and that in this it has secured the support of influential newspapers throughout the country; 2. That

open incitement to vigilante activity against labor, against minority radical groups, against national and religious groups is increasing in this country; 3. That various discriminatory and repressive measures against the foreign-born have been passed by the House of Representatives and have become law in many states.

WE recognize particularly that serious efforts are being made to silence and suppress the Communist Party. We regard as significant the fact that precisely now Earl Browder, its General Secretary, has been indicted on data which the government has evidently had for years. We observe that a charge four years old has just now been revived against another official of the Communist Party, Sam Adams Darcy. Similarly, a minor technicality was invoked in order to rule all Communist candidates off the New York City ballot. Without legal right, Representative Dies and his aides have conducted raids on Communist Party headquarters in several cities. Detroit police failed to give adequate protection to a legally held meeting addressed by William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, and an organized gang was allowed to assault people as they left the hall. Harvard University cancelled a speaking engagement previously arranged for Mr. Browder.

We record as well that a speech which Mr. Browder

recently delivered in Boston was inaccurately reported in many newspapers throughout the country and the false impression was thereby created that he had in effect called for armed insurrection against the government of the United States.

WE point out sharply that this concerted campaign to lay the basis for outright suppression of the Communist Party is reminiscent of the post-war hysteria which culminated in the now universally condemned Palmer raids. We are not Communists, and we are not concerned at this moment with the merits or demerits of the doctrines advocated by the Communists. We are interested only in the indisputable merits of our American tradition of free speech and in the consequences to the non-Communist majority of the suppression of the Communist minority. We have before us the example of many European countries where suppression of the Communist Party was but a beginning, followed by a campaign against trade unions, cultural groups, Jews, Catholics, Masons, and ending with the destruction of all freedom. It is in our own interest, therefore, and in the interest of those rights for which America has struggled these many years that we raise our voices in solemn warning against denying to the Communists, or to any other minority group, the full freedom guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

## Flay Drive To Jail Browder, Gag C. P.

**Cite Vigilante Acts,  
Warn of Renewal of  
Palmer Raids**

Declaring they believed "the Bill of Rights must apply to rights of all Americans—or that it will prove a cheat for all" and denouncing existing forces "whose objective effect—if not their secret purpose—is the destruction of civil liberties," 62 prominent educators, men of letters, and other distinguished citizens made public today their protest against current efforts "to create war hysteria and to incite witch-hunts" by depriving the Communist Party of its minority rights as the first step towards a complete blackout of civil liberties in America.

Entitled "In Defense of the Bill of Rights," the statement was circulated for endorsement by a self-constituted committee composed of: Gordon W. Allport, Professor of Psychology at Harvard University; Professor Franz Boas, world-renowned anthropologist; Theodore Dreiser, eminent novelist; Dashiell Hammett, author of "The Thin Man," etc.; and Professor Harold C. Urey of Columbia University, Nobel-Prize winner in Chemistry.

Three "blatant facts" were pointed out in the declaration:

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3. "That various discriminatory and repressive measures against the foreign-born have been passed by the House of Representatives and have become law in many states."

**FIRST LINE OF ATTACK**  
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## AFL Mine Leaders Linked to Harlan Plot

**But the Tory Smith Committee Ducks on Asking  
Ozanic How He Worked with Mine Bosses to  
'Buy' Election Under Labor Act**

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)  
**WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.**—Joe Ozanic didn't tell the Smith Committee today how he conspired with the coal operators and the corrupt politicians of Harlan County in an unsuccessful effort to destroy the United Mine Workers.

And naturally, Rep. Howard Smith and Committee Counsel Edmund M. Tolan didn't ask. They wouldn't want to discredit one of their witnesses.

So, Ozanic, President of the Progressive Mine Workers which is affiliated with the A. F. of L., spent a hectic day on the witness stand hurling charges at John L. Lewis and the Labor Board.

The Smith Committee was glad to have Ozanic appear because in many parts of the country his organization is simply a company-dominated outfit engaged in fighting the powerful CIO-affiliated United Mine Workers.

This may not be true of all P.M.W.A. locals. For example, Rep. Abe Murdock this afternoon put into the record of the hearing the fact that nine P.M.W.A. locals in Illinois had passed resolution in January vigorously differing with Ozanic's policy of advocating amendments to emasculate the Wagner Act.

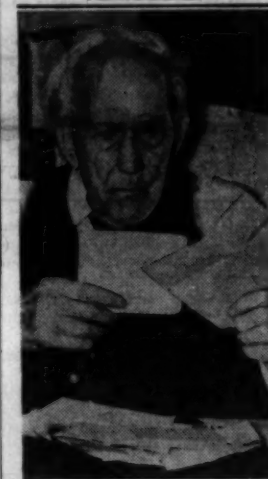
**TOOL OF HARLAN BOSSES**  
But company-domination of the P.M.W.A. has certainly been the case in Bloody Harlan County, Kentucky, where for many years the employers have been engaged in a ruthless drive to suppress the United Mine Workers which has cost the lives of many union men.

This correspondent has before him a photostatic copy of a letter from A. E. Sowarda, a former organizer for Joe Ozanic's organization which reveals the details of the anti-union activities of the Progressive Mine Workers in Harlan.

In this letter which was to John Pancher, vice-president of the P.M.

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## Civil War Vet, 101



John B. Musser  
Philadelphia's oldest Civil War veteran, John B. Musser, reads congratulatory messages on his 101st birthday. His comment on the current fighting in Europe: "War is hell."

## Tories Flock to City Hall to Fight Housing

A proposition of the City Planning Commission to designate 34 areas on the city map for "slum clearance" and "low rent housing" brought representatives of reactionary real estate interests to City Hall yesterday in a rough-shod demonstration against public housing.

While the City-Wide Tenants Council, a federation of local tenant organizations, approved the "principle" of the plan of "charting areas suitable for low rent housing," machine Democrats led more than 1,500 men and women from their assembly districts to the Planning Commission hearing protesting against "government-owned houses."

Extra police were called to keep the rowdy crowd in order.

Dr. Rexford Guy Tugwell, chair-

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## Blame Arsonist For Roof Fire At Daily Office

**Fire Marshal Says No  
Doubt of Deliberate  
Act by Firebug**

After two days of investigation of the fire which occurred on the roof of 50 East 13th St., the building in which the Daily Worker and Communist Party offices are located, Fire Marshal Thomas Brophy said last night that it was definitely established as the work of people who tried to set fire to the building.

He declared that the investigation upon which he has four men working, will continue today and every effort will be made to track down all possible clues.

## TWO CANS FOUND

"It was absolutely no accident," he said after he went over the report of his investigators. "We are absolutely sure of that or we wouldn't waste the time of four of our men to investigate it."

"It was definitely a malicious act, and it is on that theory that we are working."

The fire on the 13th St. side of the roof occurred at 1 A. M., Tuesday, at an hour when all floors in the five-story loft are shut.

Two five gallon cans, one empty the other about three quarters full, were found near the fire when firemen reached the roof. The liquid contents had apparently been poured over the area, and the fire was ex-

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## Browder Talks At M.I.T. Today

**Minor to Speak Friday  
at Cornell as Guest  
of School Paper**

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 13 (UP).**—Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, will speak at Massachusetts Institute of Technology tomorrow, but students of Harvard University where he has been barred, won't be allowed to hear him.

M. I. T. officials ruled that only Tech students with registration cards from the Bursar's office will be permitted to listen to Browder.

## MINOR TO SPEAK AT CORNELL

Robert Minor, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, will speak at Cornell University on Friday, Dec. 15, it was announced yesterday.

Minor was invited by the "Cornell Daily Sun," a university publication.

## These Are 62 Prominent Americans Who Signed the 'Bill of Rights' Statement

The following sixty-two prominent Americans endorsed the statement:

### EDUCATORS AND SCIENTISTS

Professor Thomas Addis of Stanford University;  
Professor Gordon W. Allport of Harvard University;  
Professor Joseph Warren Beach of the University of Minnesota;  
Professor Franz Boas of Columbia University;  
Professor Hadley Cantril of Princeton University;  
Dr. J. McKen Cattell of the American Association for the Advancement of Science;  
Dr. Bella Visano Dodd, teacher and leading trade unionist;  
Professor Irving Fisher of Yale University;  
Professor Richard Foster Flint of Yale University;  
Professor Frank H. Hankins of Smith College;  
Professor Benjamin Harrow of the College of the City of New York;  
Professor Melville J. Herskovits of Northwestern University;  
Professor Ellsworth Huntington of Yale University;  
Professor Robert S. Lynd of Columbia University;  
Professor Kirtley F. Mather of Harvard University;  
Dr. Karl Menninger, Director of the Psychology Clinic of Topeka, Kansas;

Professor Clyde R. Miller of Columbia University;  
Professor Wesley C. Mitchell, President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science;  
Professor O. H. Mowrer of Yale University;  
Professor Gardner Murphy of Columbia University;  
Professor John F. Peters of Yale University;  
Professor Walter Rautenstrauch of Columbia University;  
Dr. Randolph B. Smith, executive secretary of the Cooperative School for Teachers;

Professor Robert K. Speer of New York University;  
Professor Hans Otto Storm of Stanford University;  
Professor C. Fayette Taylor of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology;  
Professor Harold C. Urey of Columbia University;  
Professor J. Raymond Walsh of Hobart College;  
Professor Louis Weisner of Hunter College.

### WRITERS

John D. Barry, San Francisco columnist;  
Van Wyck Brooks, author and critic;  
Malcolm Cowley, Editor of The New Republic;  
Countee Cullen, young Negro poet;  
Martha Dodd, journalist;  
William E. Dodd, Jr., journalist;  
Theodore Dreiser, novelist;  
Sara Bard Field, poet;  
Dashiell Hammett, novelist;  
Lillian Hellman, playwright;  
Matthew Josephson, author and critic;  
Arthur Kober, author;  
Oliver LaFarge, author;  
John Murray, playwright;  
Clifford Odets, playwright;  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Roeder, authors;  
George Seldes, journalist;  
George Sule, editor of The New Republic;  
Irving Stone, biographer;  
Charles Erskine Scott Wood, author and poet.

### ARTISTS AND PUBLIC FIGURES

Frieda Altman, actress;  
Charles Belous, lawyer and former member of the New York City Council;  
Aaron Copland, composer;  
William E. Dodd, former Ambassador to Germany;  
The Reverend William Lloyd Imes, leading Negro clergyman;  
Rockwell Kent, painter;  
Philip Loeb, actor;  
Arthur Pollack, theatrical producer;  
The Reverend Herman F. Reissig of New York City;  
Herman Shulman, theatrical producer;  
Sanford Solender of New York City;  
Helen Tamiris, dancer;  
Dr. Max Yergan, prominent Negro educator and Secretary of the Committee for Afro-American Relations.



# Uribe, Spanish Communist Leader, Speaks at Garden Monday

## Is Speaker At Memorial For Olgin

Party and Government Leader to Make First Public Talk Here

Vicente Uribe Galdano, Minister of Agriculture in the Spanish Republican government, will speak in Madison Square Garden at the Olgin memorial meeting Monday, it was announced yesterday. He will share the platform with Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party.

A member of the Political Bureau of the Spanish Communist Party, Uribe is en route to Latin America. He arrived in the United States a few days ago.

Uribe, a metal worker by trade, was elected to the Cortes in the 1936 elections which swept the Popular Front into power. He received his cabinet post in September of the same year and held his portfolio until democracy in Spain was overthrown in July.

As Minister of Agriculture, Uribe demonstrated that a government setting a just war broadens the economic base of democracy by distributing land to the landless, providing loans, seeds and farm implements to the impoverished peasantry. His first decree provided for the expropriation of Fascist landlords in Republican Spain.

Uribe achieved special prominence in his fight against forcible collectivization of the Catalonian peasantry, as advocated by sections of the Anarchists and P.O.U.M. to prevent full mobilization of the peasants against the Fascist invaders.

A brilliant and dynamic speaker, Uribe is 38 years old. This is his first visit to the United States.

## Finn Seaman's Lawyer Gets Run-Around

Seeks to Recover Man's Property Who Refused To Aid White Guards

Efforts to serve a summons on the captain of the Finnish steamer A. S. Wilja, from which a Finnish seaman was ejected and his belongings confiscated last week, were balked temporarily yesterday when an attorney was denied access to the ship through the yards of the Bethlehem Steel Co. in Brooklyn, where she is docked.

Raymond S. Harris, the attorney, armed with a John Doe summons charging unlawful withholding of property issued by the 9th District Magistrate's Court of Brooklyn, was stopped at the entrance to the Bethlehem property by a Mr. Fair, an official of the yards.

Harris promptly called the nearest police precinct which responded by dispatching a radio car. The two police officers agreed to escort Harris to the ship, but they too were stopped by Mr. Fair who said it was a company rule that "no one" be admitted. The police hastily excused themselves on the ground of "no jurisdiction" and departed.

Harris asked Fair if the ship's captain was aboard, and was told that he is seldom on the ship, but spends all his time at the J. H. Winchester Shipping Agency at 17 Battery Place. A phone call there, however, brought the information that the captain spends all his time aboard his ship.

The court summons will be renewed tomorrow, Harris said, and meanwhile a letter is being sent Police Commissioner Valentine protesting the failure of the Brooklyn police to assist in serving a court order.

Lauri Manninen, the seaman involved, was thrown off the ship because of his determination not to "volunteer" for the Finnish White Guard army upon his return to Finland. Both he and Harris were forcibly ejected from the Finnish Consulate when they went there to protest the matter.

## Germans Take French Outpost, Paris Admits It

BERLIN, Dec. 13 (UP).—Nazi "SS" stormtroops staged a raid on the Western Front and wiped out an "obnoxious" French outpost southeast of Saarbrücken, the high command announced today.

(Tonight's French war communiqué No. 292, said that "during a series of actions which took place yesterday west of the Saar the enemy occupied one of our small positions and took 10 prisoners; the situation was restored rapidly. . . . Today it was quiet all along the front.")

The German raiding party, numbering an officer and 10 men, killed five French soldiers "who put up a brave fight" and an officer and 16 men were brought back to the German lines as prisoners, the high command's communiqué said.

## Spanish Communist



VICENTE URIBE GALDEANO

## Sandler Out, Career Man in Swede Cabinet

Reveal Sandler Quit Over Issue of Aland Islands

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 13 (UP).—A new Swedish Government took office today with a 53-year-old career diplomat in the vital post of Foreign Minister. Premier Per Albin Hansson again headed the Cabinet.

The Cabinet reorganization was necessitated by last week's request of Foreign Minister Rickard J. Sandler that he be permitted to resign.

Informed quarters revealed today that Sandler made this request because of the Hansson Government's refusal to adopt "certain immediate measures" of a military character with regard to the strategic Aland Islands at the entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia between Sweden and Finland.

Sandler was replaced as Foreign Minister by Christian E. de Guenther, a career diplomat who has been Sweden's Minister to Oslo since 1938 and previously was Minister to Argentina and other South American countries.

## PRECEDED NAZI ATTACK

An official announcement tonight said that Sandler's resignation was submitted on Dec. 2, a day before the start of a German press attack upon him, and that this was conclusive evidence that the resignation was in no way connected with Nazi pressure.

The new Cabinet, sworn in by King Gustav at 10 A.M. in the presence of Crown Prince Gustav Adolf, included:

Premier, Albin Hansson; Finance, Ernst Wigforss; Foreign Affairs, Christian E. de Guenther; Social Welfare, G. Moeller; Defense, P. E. Skold; Justice, K. G. Westerman; Agriculture, A. Bramstorp; Communications, G. Andersson Rasjoe; Education, Prof. Goesta Bagge; Commerce, J. F. Domoe; Civilian Supply, H. Eriksson; Without Portfolio, Nils Quresnel and T. Bergquist.

Five members of the Cabinet including the Premier are Socialists. Three are members of the peasant Party, two are Liberals and two are Conservatives. The new Foreign Minister is non-partisan.

The new government informed the Riksdag that it "will direct its efforts to maintaining the independence and neutrality of Sweden" and that it "shares the wish that Finland should be assisted as much as possible, both materially and morally."

## THE STORY OF TOIVO ANTIKAINEN

### Antikainen Accuses His Accusers in Murder Frame-up With Firm Bolshevik Fearlessness

In the preceding installments of the story of Toivo Antikainen, imprisoned hero of the Finnish people, Stefan Priacel has told of his role in the struggle for a free workers' Finland and to defend Soviet Karelia against Finnish White-Guard invasion. He continues today the story of Antikainen's trial on trumped-up charges of having a White-Guard Finn named Marianiemi burned at the stake.

INSTALLMENT V.

By Stefan Priacel

At the very start of the trial, Antikainen declared:

"I repeat my arguments. I did not order a stake set up on the battlefield. And I shall prove by my detailed answers where I was at the moment when the alleged murder of Marianiemi took place. I shall also explain in detail the way in which the battle of Kilmasjervi proceeded and how the transport of prisoners and the protection of the main body of my force was organized."

With authoritative Antikainen strove face to face with the court, to disqualify the witnesses for the prosecution when they had been White-Guards.

He used the legal axiom that "one

## Raid Spain's Paris Office, In Move to Oust Refugees

(By Cable to Intercontinental News)

PARIS, December 13.—The office of Dr. Juan Negrin, Premier of the Republican Government of Spain, was raided today by gendarmes of the French government. All records of the Spanish Republican Government were seized.

In addition, the French Government cancelled all visas and passports of the Spanish Republicans, who have taken refuge in France, in preparation for returning them en masse to Franco Spain.

## 646 Missing In Wreck of Soviet Steamer

Ship with 1,000 Aboard Runs Aground on Way to Vladivostok

TOKYO, Thursday, Dec. 14 (UP).—Reports from Wakkana, Hokkaido, early today said that 646 persons were missing as a result of the wreck of the Russian coastwise steamer Indigirka, 2,336 tons, which was lost in a storm early yesterday.

The vessel, en route from Kamchatka to Vladivostok, carried about 1,000 passengers including women and children and a crew of 36. Japanese rescued 390 persons. High seas were running when the ship went aground less than 1,000 yards from the Wakkana breakwater after her master apparently had lost his bearings because of storm weather.

All available ships in the area were ordered to the spot. The Indigirka was registered out of Vladivostok and belonged to the Soviet Government. She was used to transport workers and supplies between the Kamchatka fishing grounds and Vladivostok.

## Lithuania, USSR Speed Ukrainian Repatriation

Two Governments Cooperate to Restore Those Who Fled Nazi Advance to Their Homes in Former Polish Territory

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 13.—With the cooperation of Lithuanian authorities, a Soviet Government commission is speeding the evacuation to the Soviet Union of inhabitants of the western Ukraine and Byelo-Russia who fled to Lithuania on the outbreak of the German-Polish war.

Reports from Kaunas, the Lithuanian capital, said today that the Soviet commission directing evacuation of refugees interned in Lithuania will complete its work in several days.

In 20 days the commission has visited seven internment camps and gave evacuation certificates to 1,500 persons, many of whom have already left for their homes, now part of the Soviet Union.

The evacuees have learned with joy and gratitude that they would be able to re-establish themselves in the Soviet Union with their families.

The commission will spend some time now in Vilno, where a major-

ity of the refugees are concentrated.

Lithuanian authorities are registering the refugees to establish the precise number to be evacuated. Hundreds of applications for evacuation certificates have been received at the Soviet Legation in Kaunas.

## Fianna Fail Rejects Plan for Conscription

DUBLIN, Ireland, Dec. 13.—A conference of Premier de Valera's Fianna Fail party today rejected a resolution calling for compulsory military service between the ages of 17 and 45.

## League Obeys Britain's Anti-Soviet Orders

Machinery Never Used Against Fascism Invoked on USSR

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Guards, to be organized on a basis wider than the League in order to include the United States.

4. Enforcement of Article 16 of the League Covenant, which includes expulsion proceedings, though the Soviet Government has denied that it is waging war against Finland or the Finnish people. Article 16 was never effectively applied against fascist aggression, as that would have conflicted with British policy.

## U. S. S. R. ABSTAINS

The countries on the sub-committee making these recommendations were Great Britain and France, which are the virtual masters of the League; Sweden, representing the Scandinavian countries being lined up by the Allies for war against the U. S. S. R.; Portugal, Britain's ancient ally and obedient tool; and Bolivia, representing South America.

A simple majority of the Assembly can pass these recommendations, but the League Council must pass them by a unanimous vote. Interest is therefore centered on the votes of Council members China and Latvia, which are friendly to the U. S. S. R. League experts said that if China and Latvia abstained, the vote of the other powers would be considered unanimous.

The Soviet Government has refused to take part in the sessions of the Assembly and Council. Soviet Premier and Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov declared that League Secretary-General J. A. Avenol had no justification in calling the League to meet on the "insulting" appeal of Rudolf Holsti, representing the Mannerheim regime and not the Finnish people.

At today's plenary session of the Assembly Rodolfo Preyre, of Argentina, led the attack on the Soviet Union, announcing that unless the Soviet Union was expelled, his government would quit the League.

This evidently was part of the British strategy to make it appear that London was forced to act against the Soviet Union in order to pacify Argentina, which actually follows in the wake of British policy.

Before Preyre spoke, Carl Hambro, of Norway, President of the Assembly and member of a famous British-Norwegian banking family, announced that the "sole question before the Assembly is Finland's appeal to the League. No other question can be taken up."

This was a warning to delegates not to bring up the question of the German-Polish war.

The character of the present Assembly was shown when Finland—that is, the Rytty regime—was elected to succeed Sweden as a representative of the Scandinavian countries in the 1939-40 Council.

## U. S. OK's Sale Of Five Ships To France

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (UP).—The Coast Guard today announced release of two trawlers and three tugboats to the French Line which had purchased them from American owners. The government had detained them pending determination of legality of the sale.

## 1,000 Homeless in Philippine Fire

LINGAYEN, P. I., Dec. 13 (UP).—Fire started from a bakery oven spread through this town in Pangasinan province, destroying scores of houses. More than 1,000 persons were left homeless.



STARTS CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENCY OF CUBA.—Colonel Fulgencio Batista, who recently retired as Army Chief of Staff to campaign for the Presidency, chats with an admirer before his speech in the National Theater, Havana, where he accepted the nomination of five parties as their candidate.

## Winnipeg Board Would Oust Anti-War Members

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Dec. 13.—

The Winnipeg School Board today announced its intention of overriding the popular election of two Communists to the 12-man board. It is seeking their ouster from office because of their opposition to anti-Soviet incitement in connection with the Finnish situation.

The Board said it would ask the City Council to remove William Ross and Andrew Bilecki, Communists, who voted against a resolution attacking the Soviet Union last night. Last Monday they voted against a resolution calling on Canada to aid the Finnish White-Guard regime and to boycott Soviet products.

## House of Lords Debates Peace; Halifax Irked

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—De-

mands for peace overtures threw the House of Lords into an uproar today and prompted Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax to reprimand the speakers by declaring that their speeches "damaged the nation's cause."

Emme Ivo Bligh, 9th Earl of Darnley and the holder of one of the oldest British peerages, touched off the fireworks by asking whether the government wouldn't take advantage of the offer by King Leopold of Belgium and Queen Wilhelmina of Holland to mediate the European war, if the offer is still open, in order to secure a "freely negotiated peace."

"I am opposed to the defeatism of those who thought there was no remedy except war," declared 54-year old Lord Darnley. "Understanding or a reasoned way of approaching the problem, must demand something newer and more efficient in result than the old method of revenge producing victory."

Darnley said Britain had not done enough "in the years after Versailles to conciliate Germany and something of the same kind will arise in the future."

"The only way out of the difficulty is to inform Holland or Belgium or some other neutral of our readiness to enter free and uncompromised negotiations," he said. He recalled that Halifax had said that a conference was useless unless the Germans were willing to give security for a settlement, but added that a "free offer would more likely procure a change of heart and the security we require from Germany. The only satisfactory guarantee which we ever will obtain is good will."

Lord Arnold, former Manchester stockbroker raised to the peerage only five years ago, supported Darnley. Darnley is a Conservative, Arnold a Laborite.

Arnold, probably anticipating Halifax's reprimand, said the motion should be discussed secretly, but declared: "This policy of a fight to the finish is wrong. Over all will be the dark shadow of Communist Russia and possibly also a Communist Germany."

"The government has never really taken seriously the offer of mediation."

He said the people of Britain heard the broadcast of Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, which was particularly bitter against the Nazis, "with astonishment and repugnance." He dismissed French demands that one Allied war aim should be the independence of Austria by saying: "If a satisfactory peace could be secured, this country would not wish to continue the war on account of Austria."

Then Halifax rose. "I think this has been an unfortunate debate," he began mildly. Halifax continued, saying that it did not need much imagination to see the "damage which some of the speeches made tonight are capable of inflicting on the nation's cause."

"I can imagine no more unfortunate impression being created than that it should go out that this country is not substantially

united, or that evidence is to be found in the speeches of those in responsible positions that there is divided council or uncertainty of view," Halifax said. "I am always prepared to negotiate. We were prepared before the war and have never closed the door to negotiation by anything we have said or done since the war began."

The Bishop of Chichester added his voice to those of Darnley and Arnold.

Halifax, obviously angered at the turn the debate took, said sarcastically: "I am not aware that Germany has exhausted herself to conciliate us."

The Bishop of Chichester claimed there was evidence Germany would accept terms corresponding to the purpose for which the Allies took up arms—full autonomy for Bohemia and Moravia (formerly Czechoslovakia), independent Slovakia, independent Poland except for that part which joined the Soviet Union and arrangements regarding colonies and disarmament.

Halifax, referring to peace conditions he outlined last week, said: "I do not wish to vary those conditions because I think they are well founded. For that reason and the other I have given I do not think any useful purpose was served by this debate and venture the hope that when it is read abroad, it will be read as a whole."

## 'Complete Fund Drive,' Gurley Flynn Urges

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, secretary of the Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights for Communists, today urged swift and successful completion of the Communist Party fund drive as the prerequisite for an adequate defense of the Party.

Interviewed at her offices at 799 Broadway, the veteran labor leader pointed out that to preserve the Party, to keep it alive and able to function at maximum efficiency, means first, to sustain it financially. "That is why the \$250,000 fund drive was launched," she said. "Unless these funds are raised, the defense of the Party slogan loses much of its meaning. The 'heart' of the Party's defense, she added, is the Daily Worker, which will receive \$85,000 of the \$250,000 sought in New York State.

Relying almost entirely on the columns of the Daily Worker, Miss Flynn's Committee, which she heads with Robert Minor, has received almost \$40,000 in bail loans. The indictments of Earl Browder and R. William Weiner, however, have cut the amount available for bail by nearly half.

Miss Flynn paid tribute to the columns of the Daily Worker as "the only daily newspaper east of San Francisco which broadcasts the Communist message of struggle against the imperialist war and bares the threat to civil rights in the so-called passport cases."

The bail fund was set up after the arrest of Earl Browder on a trumped-up passport charge. It is a loan fund as distinct from the

## Canadian C.P. Journalist Dies in USSR

Funeral Services to Be Held in Crimea for Patrick Forkin

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 13.—Patrick Forkin, Moscow correspondent of Toronto Clarion, Canadian Communist paper, recently suppressed by the Dominion Government, died yesterday at the Mountain Sun tubercular sanatorium in the Crimea after recent prolonged illness. He was 36.

Forkin had been afflicted with tuberculosis since his early youth. The funeral will take place in Mishkor, Crimea, where the sanatorium is located, on Friday. Fellow-correspondents will go from Moscow to attend the funeral.

Despite ill health, Forkin was compelled to start full time work at the age of 12. He worked on the Canadian railroads at the age of 14, first as a clerk and then in the roundhouse.

He joined the Communist Party of Canada at Winnipeg in 1930. He was active in the unemployed movement for workers' relief. In 1933 he became the business manager of the Communist Party organ, The Worker. He then joined the editorial staff of The Worker, which was replaced by the Clarion.

He became Moscow correspondent of the Clarion in 1936.

Patrick Forkin was well-known and beloved as a highly cultured and excellent working class journalist.

## U.S. Lays Claim To 52 Isles in South Pacific

Group of Atolls Held by Individuals Taken for Navy Base

HONOLULU, Dec. 13 (UP).—In a move to consolidate its aerial and naval defense lines across the South Pacific, the U. S. Government today laid formal claim to the Palmyra Island group—52 atolls midway between Hawaii and Samoa.

Already selected as the site for \$1,000,000 base for navy patrol bombers, the government filed an action in Federal court to acquire title to the islands, claimed by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie F. Ladd-Leo of Honolulu and seven other respondents.

The suit, drawn by U. S. Attorney Ingram Stainback, held that legal title to the Palmyra group was vested in the United States at the time of the annexation of Hawaii in 1898.

A survey party from the Pearl Harbor naval base already is at Palmyra, 1,000 miles south of Honolulu.

## Bans Pin Game

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Pin marble games are the latest casualties in Los Angeles cleanup drive. Residents outlawed the machines 161,264 to 112,709 in a special election yesterday.

Party drive which is made up of donations.

Emphasizing the need for loans because of the magnitude of bail requirements and persistent reports of new indictments, she asserted that the sooner the Party drive is completed, the sooner will Party members be able to devote their full energies to raising money for bail and legal defense.

In her warm, Irish voice, Miss Flynn spoke eloquently of the voluntary spirit in the giving and lending.

"Here is a Party that long ago won the love of its supporters by its courageous fight against social injustice and which now pursues its anti-imperialist course, calmly and coolly, without yielding one inch before the wrath of Wall Street. No wonder tens of thousands of workers love Earl Browder, seeing in him the symbol and champion of their own liberty and security, gratefully giving their dimes and dollars to save him and his co-workers from persecution."

She urged that contributions be sent to the New York State Fund Drive Commission, 35 East 12th St. Loans are to be brought to the Committee for Defense of Civil Rights for Communists, 799 Broad-



## City to Build Biggest Live Poultry Market

Seven-Acre Project in Queens Will Cut Costs, Control Rackets

The City Planning Commission yesterday placed its approval on a report adopting part of the Master Plan to acquire seven acres of land within the Long Island Railroad yard, Queens, for construction of the nation's largest wholesale live poultry market.

The project, proposed by William Fellows Morgan, Commissioner of Markets, will cost \$500,000.

Commissioner Morgan said that the purpose of the proposed market was to concentrate all wholesaling of poultry in one area.

He pointed out that at present, with poultry markets scattered throughout the city, it is impossible to control the industry and protect consumers from racketeers and profiteers.

Mr. Morgan described activities in the poultry business as being "disorganized, undirected and uncontrolled and the business is the prey of many factions which seek questionable livelihoods through profiteering and chiseling."

"As a result of this situation," the majority report of the Planning Commission said, "it was stated that live poultry is costing consumers in New York fully eight cents per pound more than dressed poultry, and that a suitable terminal, with efficient facilities leased to an operating company and controlled by the United States Secretary of Agriculture, under provisions of the Stockyard and Packers Act, could reduce by half the present spread between wholesale and retail poultry costs."

The report pointed out that under existing conditions the wholesale bill for live poultry in the city is about \$27,000,000 and consumers pay \$37,000,000.

"The saving to consumers which could be effected by a union terminal market, as estimated by the Commissioner of Markets, would be \$5,400,000 annually," the Planning Commission report said. "Many advantages were cited, including effective inspection not now exercised."

The vote to approve the plan was four to one, with Commissioner John C. Riedel, chief engineer of the Board of Estimate, not voting and Commissioner Arthur V. Sheridan voting against.

In a dissenting statement, Commissioner Sheridan favored construction of the project at West 60th St., Manhattan, instead of in Queens.

Chairman Rexford G. Tugwell and Commissioners Lawrence M. Orton, Cleveland Rodgers and Edwin A. Salmon cast the affirmative votes.

## Mrs. Roosevelt Reminds Dies of the Bill of Rights

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (UP).—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt joined the President today in criticizing the recent charge of the Dies Committee that consumers' organizations were Communist "transmission belts."

Mrs. Roosevelt, without mentioning the Dies Committee report directly, said in her column, My Day, today:

"If you are not accused of being a Communist these days, you may be a Communist front and now you may be a Communist transmission belt, and these names apply both to individuals and organizations. I don't question that all three kinds of people exist, but I begin to wonder whether some perfectly innocent people may not be suffering because of the fears which are being aroused. Timid people soon will not dare to stand for the things in which they believe, because some may imagine that they are any one of these three dreadful things, or that they are countenancing them in somebody else."

"It is really going to take quite a strong minded person with a

great indifference to what may be said about him to join an organization, even though the objectives as they are presented seem in accordance with his beliefs. Before long I think we are going to find people saying what a certain lady said to me not long ago: 'I hope you will not see Miss — you know she ran on the Communist ticket.' If I had not happened to know that there had been no election and there was no Communist ticket in that place, the warning might have had some effect even on me."

"Let's fight realities with all we have. Let's fight for our Democracy and our Bill of Rights, and wherever we find things in which we do not believe, let's be free to express ourselves, but let us pray not to be dominated by fears or disturbed by nightmares."

President Roosevelt censured the committee at his press conference yesterday calling attention to the fact that Chairman Martin Dies (D., Texas), appointed himself a sub-committee of one to receive the consumers' organization report made by the committee's research director, J. B. Matthews, a former official of a consumer organization.

Mrs. Roosevelt pointed out in her column that Dec. 13 marks the 148th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights.

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"In Article VI it mentions that in criminal prosecutions the criminal shall have certain rights. I am wondering if in the present day these rights should not be observed for all people, whether accused in a criminal case or whether merely accused through the public press. It seems to me that the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense, would be a safeguard to a great many people today who find themselves suddenly held up as dangerous citizens when they have not had an opportunity to be heard."

## Mayor, Councilmen to Meet on Airport Fund

All Invited by LaGuardia to Office to Take Up Disputed \$1,500,000 for Hangar

The City Council finance committee held its second hearing yesterday on the \$116,000,000 capital outlay budget and was advised by James M. Kieran, secretary to the Mayor, that Mayor LaGuardia would meet the councilmen in his office on Friday morning to discuss the much-disputed appropriation of \$1,500,000 for a new hangar at the North Beach Airport.

Mayor LaGuardia telephoned his invitation to the councilman committee to Mr. Kieran from Chicago, where he was addressing a meeting on taxation.

Councilman Joseph E. Kinsley, chairman of the finance committee, who had demanded that the Mayor appear before the committee, said he would not visit the Mayor in his office.

The Council committee questioned Dock Commissioner John McKenzie and Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick concerning estimates of income to be derived from North Beach Airport.

Neither Mr. McKenzie or Mr. McGoldrick would give the committee figures on the airport financing, stating such figures should be sought from the Mayor.

In his last public appearance, it was disclosed, Pecken acted as attorney for the Howard Automobile Company when that firm fought picketing by union men in an organizational drive.

Attorney Herbert Resner for the ACA immediately objected to Pecken's participation in the N.L.R.B. hearings, where the CIO's charges of unfair labor practices against Western Union are being investigated.

N.L.R.B. Examiner James G. Batten took Attorney Resner's objections under advisement.

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## Blame Arsonist For Roof Fire At Daily Office

Fire Marshal Says No Doubt of Deliberate Act by Firebug

(Continued from Page 1)

ing into the surface of the roof when it was extinguished.

A new clue around which yesterday's investigation centered, was a rope found tied to the roof and hanging to the lower 8-story roof next door. A piece of the same rope was found on the lower roof.

The possibility was being investigated that arsonists made their entry through one of the roofs of other buildings, since access through the Daily Worker building appeared improbable. The ropes were apparently used to bring up the 5-gallon cans.

Brophy expressed the opinion that the two men probably tried to "do the job," as it seemed unlikely that one man could carry two such heavy cans to the top of the building.

Both cans are now at the central testing bureau, Brophy said, for an analysis of the contents which appear to be kerosene or benzene. The store indicated on the labels of the cans, was visited by Brophy's investigators, for possible aid to track down purchasers of the contents.

CHECK OTHER BUILDINGS

Brophy's interest centered particularly on the idea that arsonists went to the trouble of bringing 10 gallons of the liquid up to the roof, when a gallon would have been sufficient to set fire to the building. This, he pointed out, indicated quite a serious attempt to fire the building.

During the two-day investigation, Brophy's men questioned every person who is connected with the care of Daily Worker and adjoining buildings. Inflammable liquids and cans on all floors in industrial establishments in the buildings were examined.

Brophy said it was now mainly a task of directing the investigation to persons who may have a motive for such abominable act.

"We are interested in tracking this thing down irrespective of who is involved," he said. "The fact that these are offices of the Communists makes no difference to us."

Greenpoint Memorial Meeting for Olgin

An Olgin Memorial Meeting will be held under the auspices of the Communist Party of Williamsburg-Greenpoint on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Grand Paradise Ballroom, Grand and Havemeyer streets, Brooklyn.

C. A. Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, will deliver the main address. There will be speakers in Yiddish, Lithuanian and Ukrainian.

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## Widow and Child of Thetis Disaster



BORN AFTER FATHER DIED IN THETIS DISASTER: Mrs. Marie Macrae Conway Lloyd, American widow of Lieut. Commander T. C. Conway Lloyd, naval officer who died with 98 other men when the British submarine sank in Liverpool harbor on June 1, arrives in New York on the Rex with her daughter, Anne Marie, who was born three months after the death of her father.

## Bail Fund Passes \$40,000 Mark, \$60,000 Is Needed

The bail fund drive for the release of arrested Communist leaders passed the forty thousand dollar mark this week.

More than \$41,405 had been loaned by six o'clock last night to the Defense Committee for Civil Rights to Communists at 799 Broadway, headed by Robert Minor, chairman and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, secretary.

A total of \$100,000 must be raised before the drive is finished. The committee seeks \$100 loans, though it is grateful for smaller amounts.

"The drive must be speeded," said Miss Flynn as she finished counting up the day's loans from Communist members and other friends of civil liberties last night. "The Department of Justice has been threatening more attacks on our Party."

She pointed out that \$7,500 of the loan fund had been used to release Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party from prison. Another \$10,000 was required to free William Weiner, financial secretary.

More bail money will be required when Harry Gannet, Foreign Editor of the Daily Worker, now a patient in the Jewish Hos-

## A.F.L. ELECTRICIANS SIGN CONTRACT FOR 6,500 IN NEW YORK

Unique Feature of Pact Is Provision That One Man Over 55 Must Be Hired for Every 10; Retains \$2 Scale

An agreement covering 6,500 building trades electrical workers in New York City was signed last night at the offices of Local 3 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers of the A. F. of L., at 130 E. 125th St.

The signing took place at 4 P.M. in the presence of the Rev. John P. Boland, chairman of the State Labor Relations Board; Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, regional director of the Social Security Board, and a number of leaders of the union and of the New York Electrical Contractors' Assn.

Harry Van Arsdale, business manager; Bert Kirkman, president, and Fred Hansen, acting recording secretary of Local 3, signed the one-year contract for the union.

The contract retains the \$2 an hour scale; 30-hour week, time and a half for overtime and other features of the old agreement.

It also contains a provision that with every ten men employed an electrician 55 years or over should be employed. The aim is to relieve unemployment and discrimination against the aged.

Commenting on the pact, Mr. Van Arsdale cautioned against exaggeration in estimating the \$2 an hour scale. He pointed out that because of the seasonal nature of the industry the average annual income of an electrician is far lower than \$3,120 that many think he makes.

"Two dollars an hour, \$60 a week, 52 weeks a year, comes to \$3,120," he said. "Unfortunately our men work only part of the year and their earnings suffer accordingly."

"If someone were to come forward with a workable plan whereby electricians would be guaranteed a steady annual wage at a lower hourly rate, I am certain our members would eagerly accept it."

Connecticut CIO Lock Workers Take Strike Vote

TERRYVILLE, Conn., Dec. 13 (UP).—Approximately 850 employees of the Eagle Lock Co., seeking restoration of a 10 per cent wage reduction of last July, favored a strike if union-company negotiations today failed.

It was voted unanimously last night in event of a walkout, an additional 10 per cent increase would be asked.

Workers said the company's financial condition had improved since the reduction and the lower wage scale should be abandoned. They also asked recognition of their CIO-affiliated union and recognition of seniority rights.

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# Spivak to 'Indict' Coughlin Tonight, Audience Is 'Judge'

## Will Present Case Against Radio Priest

### Reporter to Tell How He Traced Down His Documented Charges

An anticipated audience of more than 3,000 who will act as both judge and jury will hear John L. Spivak present his documented indictment of Father Charles E. Coughlin, radio priest of Royal Oak, Michigan, at the New Masses Court of Public Opinion tonight at Manhattan Center, 34th St. west of Eighth Ave.

The editors of New Masses announced that Spivak will reveal for the first time the inside story of how he tracked down the sensational proof of the strange activities of the radio priest. His revelations will be illustrated by original documents from Coughlin's own files and ledgers.

The editors of New Masses revealed that the Public Trial of Father Coughlin will center around the presentation of an indictment charging specific violations of the following:

(1) Anti-Semitism and racial hatred; (2) Collecting money through U. S. mail by fraudulent promises; (3) Diverting tax-exempt church money to build a political organization; (4) Filing of false statements to the U. S. postal authorities.

The editors of New Masses made public the fact that Patrick Scanlon, managing editor of the "Brooklyn Tablet," pro-Coughlinite publication, had approached Herman Shapiro, manager of the Manhattan Center and had endeavored to apply pressure upon the hall keeper to cancel the contract for the meeting.

Spivak's indictment of Father Coughlin will be presented mainly upon the basis of evidence uncovered for the current series of expose articles on Father Coughlin now running currently in New Masses. General admission will be 40c. Reserved admission is \$1. Tickets to the reserved section are available at the Workers Bookstore, 50 E. 13th St. and at New Masses, 461 Fourth Ave.

## Gannes Moved To Hospital; May Operate

### Editor in Acute Pain; Condition Called Serious

Harry Gannes, Daily Worker foreign editor, under indictment on a flimsy passport charge, was taken to the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn yesterday, severely ill.

Gannes was in acute pain. As the Daily Worker went to press he was in a hospital bed awaiting examination pending a possible operation.

Two prominent physicians had already agreed that his condition was serious.

Gannes' serious condition was known to Assistant United States District Attorney Lester G. Dunigan, who is pressing the passport case against the foreign editor. He conceded that Gannes was critically ill. Nevertheless, stories continued to come out of the United States Courthouse this week that Gannes might be brought into court.

### Workman's Fall Fatal

Jack Swift, 62, a steamfitter, of 709 Fourth Ave., Brooklyn, died in Columbus Hospital Tuesday night of injuries he suffered earlier in the day in a 15-foot fall while at work in a sub-basement of the Hotel McAlpin.

## Mute Canaries Sing a Song Of Freedom of the Press: The Papers Alone Were Dumb.

By Harry Raymond

Newspapermen, who sat for two long hours taking notes at the Department of Markets hearing held on Tuesday at 139 Centre St. in the case against 25 dealers who sold non-singing canaries as "fine singing birds" learned something about freedom of the press yesterday.

## Report British Cruiser Sunk In S. Atlantic

### Victory 200 Miles Off Uruguay Credited to Pocket Battleship

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 13 (UP).—The powerful German pocket battleship Admiral Scheer and the British cruisers Ajax and Achilles tonight fought a fierce battle only 20 miles off Punta Del Este.

BERLIN, Thursday, Dec. 14 (UP).—German quarters said early today that they were without any news of a reported sea battle off the Uruguayan coast involving the German pocket battleship Admiral Scheer.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 13 (UP).—Insistent reports circulated in Montevideo today that the British cruiser Achilles was sunk 200 miles off Punta Del Este, popular summer resort east of this city, by the German pocket battleship Admiral Scheer.

Maritime officials at Punta Del Este disclaimed all knowledge of a battle between the 7,000-ton cruiser and the 10,000-ton Admiral Scheer. Port authorities here said they were without any information and a spokesman for the British Legation said it had no confirmation of the reports.

The spokesman added, however, that a unit of the German fleet was known to be operating in the South Atlantic at present.

The Achilles, which recently arrived in the South Atlantic from the Pacific, where it was engaged in patrol duty, left Montevideo last Sunday after refueling.

The Admiral Scheer has been reported variously in the South Atlantic, the Pacific and the Indian Ocean. Survivors of the British freighter Clement, sunk off the northeastern tip of Brazil on Sept. 30, said the Admiral Scheer sent their vessel to the bottom.

## Magil to Speak On 'Liberals and The Warmakers'

Continuing its discussions on the various phases of the present war situation, the Workers' School yesterday announced that A. B. Magil, editor of the New Masses and co-author with H. Stevens of "The Peril of Fascism," will speak at the next forum on "The Liberals and the Warmakers" on Saturday at 2:30 P. M. To accommodate the large audience expected to attend, this lecture will be held at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place.

Magil's talk will include a survey of the recent statements and articles of Vincent Sheean, Louis Fischer, H. N. Brailsford, Harold Laski and Ralph Bates. He will analyze in detail the reasons for the desertion of these "liberals" to the camp of the war-makers, and his talk will constitute a specific answer to the arguments they have put forward.

Admission to the lecture will be 25 cents.

Send your friends Daily Worker Coupon Books for Xmas.

It was a good story. It was published in all the papers. But no paper told who the 25 dealers who were charged by the Department of Markets with selling female canaries, who could do nothing more than issue from their throats a small chirp when consumers bought the birds with the understanding they were male birds and could sing a lusty song.

Who were the salesmen? Who sold the fake birds? Who were advised by Alex Pisciotto, director of the Bureau of Weights and Measures, that if they sold any more phony "guaranteed singers" they might go to jail for six months and pay a fine of \$500?

No paper told who they were. It was the old question of freedom of the press all over again. Freedom for advertisers.

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Hearns Department Stores, Gimbel's, Woolworth's, the F. & W. Grand Co. and the H. L. Green Co. were among the 25 who were charged by the Department of Markets with selling songless birds and were warned by Mr. Pisciotto they might go to jail if they kept it up.

That is the news.

## Mannerheim Begins Drawing On U. S. Credit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (UP).—Finland (that is, the Mannerheim White-Guards) will draw on its \$10,000,000 credit in this country next week with orders for wheat, cotton and cottonseed oil cake, it was announced today.

The purchases will be made by the Finnish-American Trading Corporation, newly created to utilize the credit extended by the Export-Import Bank and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Julius Klein, corporation president, said that he expected the administrative organization to be completed by late afternoon and the machinery set in motion to place the first order. A board of directors will be set up at a New York meeting. [Klein was a high Commerce Department official under President Hoover.]

He disclosed that Holger Sumelius, head of the Finnish Newspaper Association, will serve as vice president and member of the board. Another officer and director will be Eric Warburg, New York investment banker and nephew of the late Felix Warburg. He will serve as treasurer.

Meanwhile, it was learned that a Finnish military mission was still "shopping" for American warplanes. It reportedly was seeking at least 250 planes and had cash ready as soon as it finds what it wants and is assured of speedy delivery.

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COLLEGE "OOMPH" GIRL: Miss Dorothy Worthington of Pittman, N. J., 18-year-old blond freshman at Temple University, Philadelphia, who won the title in a contest conducted by The Owl, the college's campus magazine. Miss Worthington, who is five feet six inches tall, hopes to become a physician.

## EX-DIES AIDE, NOW RAILROAD STOOGE, JAILED

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Edward F. Sullivan, former Dies Committee agent who initiated the move to imprison Samuel A. Darcy, State Secretary of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania, was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation today for posing as a Dies Committee agent and attempting, in that capacity, to supply the Pennsylvania Railroad with "confidential information."

Sullivan, a discredited anti-Semite is being held in Pittsburgh under \$10,000 bond for further hearing on his attempt to defraud the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Darcy, meanwhile, has been declared innocent by Judge Welsh of the Federal District Court here of the charges upon which Sullivan sought his extradition and imprisonment. Judge Welsh although ruling Darcy not guilty of the charges felt himself powerless to prevent the extradition. The Darcy case will be appealed to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Dec. 15.

## Intestinal Flu Epidemic Hits College in Pa.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Dec. 13.—An outbreak of intestinal influenza, which has already stricken more than 170 co-eds at the school, was reported here today.

Eighty-six women in four college dormitories were confined to bed with the illness and 88 more were reported up and around. The malady usually lasts but two or three days.

Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of Health Service at the college, said that some of the 6,000 students were asking that the Christmas vacation be moved up as a result

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## Babies Starving, Mother Forces City to Feed Them

Faced with 6-Weeks Wait for Food, She Does the Only Thing She Knows: Deserts Them So City Would Have to Act

You don't have to go to Cleveland to see starvation. Starvation and need are eating at the heart of the nation. In every small town, every large city, on every country side, men, women and children are starving slowly.

In our own city, Mrs. Jean Pelican, a young mother who owed \$24 room rent and could

not find a job or assistance of any kind, deserted her two children yesterday, in a rooming house in Queens, after leaving a note in which she stated that home relief, her last resort, took six to seven weeks to acquire and she feared the children would starve in the interval.

She wrote:

"To whom it may concern:

"I am getting put out of my room and not having any place to go and live. I am forced to leave my babies. I tried every place I know of to get help, but they kept sending me from place to another until finally they told me to try home relief and that it takes from six to seven weeks.

"In the meantime where would I go with my babies? I have no milk for the younger one. I have to give him Grade B milk whereas he has to have a special formula, since he was born premature. Please take good care of them.

"I have to do this because I'll know they'll have a warm bed to sleep in and something to eat. When I am sure that they are settled I will try to find out where they are and come to see them. What the police or anyone else will do to me after that I don't care because I'll know that my babies are not starving. Please bundle the baby good when you take care of him because his things are not extra warm."

The tears and heartache written into this simple message will never be understood by those politicians and "humanitarians" who bleat about the glory and blessings of motherhood only once a year, on Mother's Day. On every other day of the year they make jobs or home relief impossible for the millions of mothers and fathers who see their children wasting away right under their eyes. Local, state and Federal authorities fiddle as the nation grows lean, burning with hunger.

In the same day's news, Mrs. Amelia Courtmarsh, despondent over ill-health and facing eviction, attempted to commit suicide in her bedroom by shooting herself in the abdomen with a revolver. Unwilling to condemn the real culprits and villains in this tragedy, the police took her to Bellevue Hospital, a prisoner, charged with violation of the Sullivan Law.

On the other hand look into the society news and you will learn that Mrs. Evelyn Walsh (\$2,000,000 Hope Diamond) McLean has just presented her son and daughter-in-law with two penguins for Christmas. The birds have a special bathroom and a suite of rooms for themselves. Soon they will be flown South for a winter in the Florida sun. No expense will be spared to make them feel fit in their new environment, the new owners told the press.

Millions for stuffed birds; nothing for hungry babies.

## Rhode Island CIO to Hold State Parley

Leaders of Independent Textile Union Asked to Attend

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 13.—Representing 22,000 CIO union men and women in the state, 150 delegates are expected to attend the second annual Rhode Island State CIO Convention at the Crown Hotel, here, Sunday, according to Joseph Mayo, State Director.

The sessions will be opened at 10 A. M. A mass meeting is scheduled for Sunday evening at the Swedish Workmen's Hall, 59 Chestnut St. Included among the speakers at the mass meeting, which will begin at 7 P. M., are John Brophy, coordinator of State Councils, CIO; Thomas F. Burns, vice-president, United Rubber Workers of America, and George Baldanzi, vice-president, Textile Workers' Union of America.

Leaders of the Independent Textile Union of Woonsocket and of the State A. F. of L. have been invited to attend the sessions.

The keynote of the Convention, Mr. Mayo said, will be the launching of a drive to organize the unorganized in the State of Rhode Island.

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## Plan Mass Action Against Profiteering

Many Groups Unite for Conference Saturday on Broad Program

New York City takes its first mass action against profiteering this Saturday under the auspices of the Co-ordinating Committee Against Profiteering, made up of labor, consumer, fraternal, church, civic, small-businessmen's and neighborhood organizations. The conference will be held at East Hall, Russell Sage Foundation Building, 130 E. 22nd St.

Plans were completed at a supper meeting where only foods purchased with Surplus Food Stamps were served. A palatable and nutritious meal, as shown by the accompanying picture, brought home the fact that the Food Stamp Plan is needed in New York City.

The program for the conference includes reports on proposed legislation against profiteering, bringing the Food Stamp Plan to this city; keeping food and clothing prices down through organized pressure; prosecution under existing laws of all war-profiteering; aiding trade unions in their struggle to win increased wages to meet high prices; helping consumer co-operatives; and fighting against rent raises.

The conference is preparing to place a consumer representative on New York City's Price Council set up by the Department of Markets recently.

## Parley Called To Rally Aid for Sharecroppers

About 500 Missouri sharecroppers—the nucleus of the band that staged the dramatic sitdown on Highway 61 last January—are plunging into a bitter winter with neither clothes nor food nor shelter in sufficient quantities.

The Sharecroppers' Aid Committee, a subsidiary of the National Council to Aid Agricultural Workers, is undertaking a campaign to relieve the suffering of these dispossessed men and women, all of whom are members of the CIO union for agricultural workers.

Workers from the field will describe the conditions under which these families are trying to live, and moving pictures of their plight will be shown on Thursday evening in the Orzco Room of the School for Social Research at 60 W. 12th Street.



Fashion forecasters are already working on your spring suit. Here is something in "olive branch" green wool. It is trimmed with tiny tucks and black buttons.

## Toledo Closes Schools As Funds Are Barred



Anxious for school's reopening are these three Toledo, Ohio, youngsters who are pictured on school steps. All public schools have been closed since November 22 and will not open until January as funds are withheld. Free school lunches, an important item in the diet of undernourished children whose families are on relief, are denied them because of the school shutdown.

## Unions Back Fight to Revive Arts Projects

Alliance Wins Support for Sponsorship of White-Collar Jobs

Support for the Workers Alliance campaign to have New York City give 25 per cent sponsorship to white collar projects has been given by the Teachers Union, United Shoe Workers Joint Council, CIO and the Federal Arts Sponsoring Committee.

The unions and the committee have written to the Mayor urging him to act favorably on the request of the Alliance to maintain the projects.

The Sponsoring Committee statement is signed by 12 New York publishing houses.

Calling the writers' project a "significant contribution to the cultural life of the community," the publishers say that "It has helped to preserve the skills of unemployed writers and thereby helped to preserve an entire generation, perhaps of literary talent. By utilizing the services of numerous industries which serve the publishing business it has augmented their purchasing power and helped the nation on the road to recovery."

Tonight there will be a membership meeting of the WPA local of the Alliance at Irving Plaza.

## Alliance Hits FDR's Slur on WPA Strikes

Wiseman Says Off-Hand Opinion Was Sent to Wrong People: He Should Rebuke Those Who Slashed Relief

Sam Wiseman, New York State president of the Workers Alliance, severely criticized the statement of President Roosevelt yesterday to the effect that workers on WPA projects did not have the right to strike.

Wiseman called attention to the fact that the situation which faces the unemployed of Cleveland is being repeated today in many upstate communities. He also assailed the cuts which WPA workers have suffered.

"The New York Times quotes President Roosevelt as stating that in his offhand opinion workers on relief rolls have neither the right to strike nor create commotion nor to disturb the peace," said Wiseman.

"The President's offhand opinions are of course interesting. His message, however, is addressed to the wrong people. WPA workers do not want to strike. They certainly do not go about creating commotions nor disturbing the peace."

"They want only one thing, the 'more abundant life' the President once spoke about so well. One thing is clear that only the blind can fail to see. The unemployed are getting a raw deal. Conditions on relief are worse every day."

"The situation in Cleveland is repeated in dozens of towns throughout upstate New York. WPA workers have received three pay cuts in the last six months. The overwhelming majority in New York City are getting \$52 a month. In many cases this is less than they would receive on home relief."

"Plain common sense dictates that the President should request of Congress sufficient funds to provide 3,000,000 jobs and restore all wage cuts."

"The administration must keep its promise that it would provide jobs for all employables. We intend to fight for his program. The unemployed will not lie down and die although the request may come from the highest authority."

"They are going to see to it that the promises made by the New Deal are carried out."

## 20,000 Get Old Age Pay In N. Y. State

State Social Security System Effective After Xmas

Shortly before Christmas, more than 20,000 men and women in New York State are going to be notified that they may be entitled to monthly old-age insurance checks for the rest of their lives. Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, Regional Director of the Social Security Board announced today.

Mrs. Rosenberg explained that the recipients of this notice will be those to whom lump-sum benefits have been paid since the federal old-age insurance system was established January 1, 1937.

The amended act, she said, moves the date for monthly benefits up two years to 1940 and makes it possible for a wage earner to qualify after he is 65 years old, even if he has already received a single cash settlement. Under the original law a qualified worker could obtain only a lump-sum payment equal to 3 1/2 per cent of his total wages.

"This means," said Mrs. Rosenberg, "that the age barrier to obtaining federal retirement insurance has been torn down. Even the man who was already 65 when the old-age insurance system was set up and who therefore has never been under the federal program may now qualify for monthly benefits. To qualify for retirement insurance in 1940 it will be necessary for him to show that he has worked in six calendar quarters and received in each at least \$50 in wages and has retired."

## Adams Reelected Head of Penn Station Red Caps

Earl C. Adams was reelected as President of Local 602, Pennsylvania Station Employees of the International Brotherhood of Red Caps. It was announced yesterday.

Others elected are L. C. Wood, first vice-president; P. K. Wright, second vice-president; E. C. Robinson, secretary-treasurer, and M. Lawrence and F. J. Brunson, assistants to the secretary-treasurer.

The executive committee consists of Wood, Wright, W. Porter, R. T. Ash, C. E. Babbs, and P. S. Holmes. The local one of the largest in the International, is now awaiting outcome of its part of a national suit for \$2,500,000 in back wages. The interpretation by the company that tips are part of their wages under the wages and hours act limited the earnings of the Red Caps to that source only during the past year.

## Sees Menace of Relief Slash in 'Economy' Talk

Alliance Leader Cites Announcement of Relief 'Cost Decline' as Foreshadowing Move; Points to Conditions Up-State

Announcement of relief roll and cost declines for the state by Social Welfare Commissioner David C. Adie yesterday was branded by Michael Davidow, Workers Alliance organizer, as a move preparatory to slashing the state relief budget. Home relief cases in seven of the state's largest

industrial centers were 7.5 less than in November, 1938 according to Adie's announcement.

"If rolls are being cut it is not because there is any less need of relief," said Davidow. "Welfare departments all over the state are adopting restrictive measures to keep the unemployed from getting on relief."

"Binghamton, and Buffalo are examples of where the rolls are getting lower — they simply fire the single men off all relief."

"If costs are lower it is because the budget of needy people are mercilessly cut."

Davidow quoted the Ithaca Journal to show that instead of declining the welfare load in that city is the heaviest it has been since 1935.

**YOUTHS UNDERFED**

The Alliance leader pointed to the report of Mrs. Grace Gings, welfare case supervisor, to the Board of Supervisors. The report showed that slashes in WPA rolls under the 18 month clause had jammed the relief rolls.

Welfare Commissioner R. C. Van Marter of the same city gave a picture of the wretchedness of the relief diets there in his report to the same body.

After a discussion of the Tompkins County Home Van Marter said:

"I am not so much disturbed over the people at the County Farm as I am with boys and girls of this county who do not have enough to eat."

"Members of the school staff come to me with stories of two and three children 'passing out' in school today because of lack of food."

He added that the children often went to school in the morning without food, had no lunches and probably were not fed until evening. He said that federal surplus commodities had been a great help in these cases.

"I know of some instances where these cases should have been taken care of by the towns but they haven't been," the commissioner said. "Many of the

needy families were too proud to ask relief," he added.

Davidow explained that the policy of making it next to impossible to get relief in some upstate towns was responsible for the fact that the families were not getting it and scoffed at the statement that they were "too proud" to ask it.

**ATTACK ON UNIONS**

The Binghamton Press of December 12 carries two stories which indicate why the rolls in that city are lower. One explains that Harry C. Trent, city welfare commissioner told the city council that a new procedure had been adopted whereby "unemployables and those who could work, but won't be sent to the County Home."

Under the setup room rent and grocery orders were withdrawn from single persons either "refusing to work or unemployable."

"Refusing to work," Davidow explained, "means that if a man won't take a job at low wages he won't get relief. It is another method of attacking trade union wage standards."

Another story in the same paper explains the coordination of the welfare department of Broome County with the State Employment Service. Under the plan drafted by the state welfare department all unemployed are required to register with the employment service and a checkup has been instituted whereby the unemployed are "harassed further and are cut from relief if they refuse jobs which are not satisfactory."

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## What Is Behind 'Relief' for Finland?

• What has become of the newspaper accounts of General Mannerheim and Mr. Rysto-Ryti?

They have been dropped right out of the picture. The American people could hardly be sold on Mannerheim and Ryti as great democrats. Mannerheim was a Czarist General who called in the Kaiser's troops to butcher 12,000 Finnish workers in cold blood in 1918. Ryti is an international financier with Wall Street connections who has been knighted for "his cooperativeness with the Bank of England."

We are reminded of this when we notice that Governor Lehman has gone overboard with the proclamation of "a Finland Sunday" this week. Lehman, naturally, does not mean the peasants and workers of Finland; he means Mannerheim and Ryti. But exactly why should the decent people of America have any truck with Czarist murderers and international financiers?

Can it be that this "Finland Sunday" is part of the spreading propaganda to get America into war? Will the "Finland Sunday" be followed soon by "Meatless Mondays" and "Breadless Tuesdays" as in 1917? Will our boys follow the "relief contributions" to the Mannerheim-Ryti regime?

The fact is that the friendship which the American people feel for the Finnish people can best be expressed not by sending money and supplies to the Mannerheim gang, but by giving moral support to the efforts of the Finnish People's Government at Terioki to liberate Finland from the Bank of London and its Mannerheim mercenaries at Helsinki.

The ugly scramble for publicity over the Finnish relief highlights what is going on behind the scenes. The Red Cross declared publicly that there is no need for the Hoover drive for "war relief." At the same time, a Hoover man, Julius Klein, pops up as the head of the Finnish Government's trading corporation which is spending the \$10,000,000 Roosevelt has turned over to the Mannerheim regime.

Proof of how the American people are being worked up to send their boys soon after they send their "relief contributions" comes from Stockholm. From that city, which is now humming with British intrigue to drag Scandinavia into war, Mr. Walter Duranty sends a plaintive plea: "Will America send ambulances? Will America send men which Finland needs?"

The bones of the skeleton stick through all the hypocrisies of the press. It is war they are after. It is American blood they want to grease the war wheels of London and the butcher Mannerheim along the borders of the USSR.

## The Smith Committee Gets Some Advice

• The Smith witch-hunt into the NLRB has been speeded on its way by some crafty advice on the part of Arthur Krock of the New York Times.

Krock urges Rep. Smith, the small-town banker from Virginia, not to repeat the "mistakes" which have aroused so much opposition to the Dies Committee. Krock wants the Smith Committee to act as if it were an impartial, democratic committee.

But though the Smith Committee is making some attempts to conceal its purpose in the way Krock suggests, the labor movement is not going to be fooled. It is impossible to conduct democratically an investigation which has a fascist goal: the destruction of trade unionism. The committee has already shown its hand by trying to make a hero of Joseph Ozanic (with Homer Martin to appear soon). These two gentlemen are known far and wide as virtual strikebreakers and union-busters for the coal and auto industries, respectively.

The great menace which the Smith committee may prove to American labor, is revealed by the praise bestowed on the investigation by an editorial in Mark Sullivan's column in the Herald Tribune. These professions to see in the fight for collective bargaining a Communist Plot to "make the old system unworkable." (This charge against the Communists, incidentally, is absurd. A hundred and twenty million Americans know that it was Wall Street, and not the Communists, which brought on that magnificent demonstration of industrial management known as the Crash of '29.)

According to the Tribune, the Smith Committee will accomplish its purpose only if it establishes that the struggle for higher wages and shorter hours is a subversive plot. It becomes clearer every day that the Smith Committee itself is part of a huge plot against the American labor movement and its struggle for better conditions and for a position of independent strength.

## Standard Oil Strikes at Mexico

• The voice of Standard Oil can be heard behind the decision of the State Department to exclude Mexican oil from the tariff advantage granted to Venezuela.

The move is clearly intended as a sharp blow to Mexico because of its legal appropriation of foreign oil properties. This much is admitted in the New York Sun.

But this is only part of the story. The full significance of this latest pressure stroke of Yankee imperialism, is to be found in the events of the past few weeks. First there was the Panama conference at which Under-Secretary of State Welles attempted to bulldoze all of Latin and South America to fall in line behind the war plans of Wall Street. This was followed by the desperate effort of the State Department to get unanimous Western Hemisphere support for General Mannerheim in Finland and against the Soviet Union—a plan which was stymied by the determination of the People's Front Government of Chile to maintain its neutrality.

The latest attack of the State Department on Mexico is like an epitaph over the defunct "Good Neighbor" policy. That policy has now been replaced by one of ruthless imperialism, striking out against every people's movement or government in Latin America which dares defy the war plans of Wall Street.

## Applying a Match to the Freedom of the Press

• The criminal incendiaries who started a fire on the roof of the Daily Worker building the other night, were not seeking merely to destroy brick and wood. They were playing their part in the campaign to whip up incitements against the Communists and make it easier for the country to slip into war.

Whoever the criminals were—and the fire and police departments must conduct more than a routine investigation—still bigger forces loom in the background. The fire was kindled in a carefully cultivated atmosphere of hooliganism and provocation. Consider, for example, the recent demand of Coughlin in Social Justice that his followers take "physical" action against the New Masses and the Communists. Even the World-Telegram, when it goes out of its way to declare that the way to destroy the Daily Worker was not with a "wrecking-crew," but with "legal means"—also helps create this atmosphere.

The people of this city will not tolerate incendiarism as a method of "political discussion." They will insist that the authorities track down the criminals. Meanwhile, the readers of the Daily Worker will rally to the defense of a paper whose importance becomes even greater in view of the attempts to stifle its voice.

## A Victory in Brooklyn's 'Scottsboro' Case

• A tremendous victory for Negro rights was scored with the reversal of the outrageous conviction of John Williams, 22-year old Negro victim in a Brooklyn "Scottsboro" case.

Williams was framed on a flimsy "rape" charge. The evidence—like that in the original Alabama "Scottsboro" case—was so palpably cooked up that the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court held Williams entitled to a new trial, on both the law and the facts. One judge went so far as to vote for a complete dismissal of the indictment, showing plainly that Williams ought to be completely freed.

Congratulations are due to the John Williams Defense Committee, a broad Negro and white community group in Brooklyn, and to the International Labor Defense, beloved of the Negro people for its unceasing struggles for Negro rights.

This victory has even greater significance because of the present drive of the reactionaries and war-mongers against civil rights—a drive which will fall heaviest upon the Negro people. Labor and progressives should be inspired to fight not only for the complete freedom of Williams, but against every other open and insidious form of discrimination against the Negro people in New York.

## America's 10,000,000 Neediest Cases

• Figure this out, if you can. We leave it to you.

The New York Times prints news once every year of the Hundred Neediest Cases. The stories of these victims is heart-breaking. They are merely typical of the swarming misery in which millions of Americans live. Once a year the Times will discreetly lift the veil a tiny bit from the poverty and squalor of common life in rich America. This action makes it feel virtuous for the rest of the twelve months of the year.

But there are 10,000,000 jobless. They are America's 10,000,000 neediest cases. They need everything the hundred neediest cases need.

But the New York Times writes learned editorials proving that the American gets too much to eat, that his wages are "too high," that the Government relief is "wasteful," and that the Budget should be balanced by spreading starvation.

Where is the logic? Where is the sincerity?

## HOT ON THE TRAIL

by Ellis



## A Blow to the Fight Against Hunger

• President Roosevelt's statement that WPA workers are not to have the right to strike endangers the nation-wide fight against hunger. The President took in a lot of other territory also when he is reported to have declared against creating a disturbance or a disruption of the peace—meaning, of course, to slam demonstrations and other lawful activities of the unemployed and needy against starvation.

This is an example of how swiftly the administration is moving along the path of reaction, beginning with its declaration that the A. F. of L. unions could not strike during the fight against the vicious Woodrum bill.

The President's statement comes at a time when it can do the most damage to the poor people who are fighting the hunger created jointly by WPA slashes and by Gov. Bricker in Ohio. Sixteen thousand needy Americans in Cleveland, and more in other Ohio cities, are suffering the callous effects of Bricker's Republican "economy." And now President Roosevelt, in a sort of division of labor, declares a policy which can only have the effect of depriving these hapless people of all means of resistance. For if the WPA workers cannot strike, then the right of collective bargaining would be worthless indeed. If they cannot demonstrate, they would be deprived of their constitutional

right to petition the government against grievances.

Rep. White of Ohio, Gov. Bricker's man, exposed more crudely the net results of the President's persistent war incitements against the peaceful Soviet Union. White's fantastic statement was that the Workers Alliance in fighting starvation, was doing so "for the benefit of long range plans that the Soviet Government has for social revolution." In other words, behind the President's anti-Soviet provocations are the cloven hoofs of attacks upon the unemployed and living standards.

As the New York Workers Alliance points out, instead of the President endangering the fight against hunger:

"Plain common sense dictates that the President should request of Congress sufficient funds to provide 3,000,000 jobs and restore all wage cuts."

Taken together with Attorney General Murphy's "anti-trust" program against the trade unions, the President's statement is cause for alarm to all organized labor. It amounts to a go-ahead signal to the open-shoppers. The national 4-point program of the Alliance—for an increase of WPA jobs, the withdrawal of wage cuts, additional winter clothing funds, and extension of the food stamp plan—becomes a front line defense for the entire labor movement.

## Letters from Our Readers

### Lauds Masterly Presentation By Editor of D. W.

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I heard Comrade Hathaway's talk Sunday, Dec. 10, at Hunts Point Palace. I wish to commend him very highly for his masterly presentation of such an important topic. It has clarified every point I had in mind.

I should like to request that his speech be printed in pamphlet form, as it is very urgent that it receive the widest possible distribution.

I am certain there are many others who are of the same opinion. N. S.

### Clipping D.W. Articles To Send to Friends—

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In these days when capitalistic reaction is firing its printing guns, loaded with tons of lies toward the Soviet Union, it becomes a duty of the advance guard of the working class to urge all means to disseminate the truth.

Since the articles, editorials, etc., in our Daily Worker are powerful searchlights of truth, we must disseminate the light of truth.

I have been clipping out all the articles on the present situation, sending them to friends, giving them to people.

Everybody likes to read a clipping provided it has the truth in it, and the truth will out. So get ready and let's go.

Yours for Socialism A. B.

### Lauds Manifesto of Spanish C. P. 'Powerful Document'

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have just read the Manifesto of the Communist Party of Spain, and I urge all who overlooked it to give it their careful attention.

No one could doubt the fact that the present war is an imperialist war only for the benefit of the capitalists, after reading the Manifesto. No one could doubt (if there is anyone) the truth of the oppression of the Spanish people by Franco's regime.

The utter hypocrisy of the Social-Democratic traitors and their masters in the "war against Hitlerism," British and French finance capitalists like Chamberlain and Daladier, is irrefutably established by the Manifesto's scathing denunciation of their aid to Franco. Daladier's treatment of veterans of a real democratic

war leaves not a particle of doubt that the Allied governments and their servile hirelings are liars.

The sickening insincerity of the Roosevelt Administration's present attitude concerning the fake bombings of Finnish civilians and its silence in the face of REAL bombings of so many thousands of Spanish women and children is vividly proven.

The Manifesto shows that only the U. S. S. R. was and is the friend of the Spanish people and still is the hope and strength of oppressed peoples throughout the world.

This powerful document should be circulated widely and printed in pamphlet form if it has not already been done, for it conclusively shows the imperialistic character of the war. J. G.

### Loan Extension to Finland: Aid to International Capitalism

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Roosevelt's proposal to turn back the coming installments on Finland's debt to the United States is fitting and proper when viewed in the light of the original purpose of the loan.

It was granted then so as to enable the Finnish tools of English and American capitalists to invade and intervene against the Soviet Union.

Now that these tools have resumed their activities what is more fitting than that the loans should once again be extended?

Roosevelt has become the eloquent mouthpiece of American and international capitalism.

It will avail them nothing, just as their machinations failed in 1919. World Socialism is marching swiftly and its world-establishment is the order of the day. G. G.

### Noble Life of Doctor An Answer To Reactionaries—

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The life and death of Comrade Doctor Norman Bethune on the battlefields of China, giving his life for the heroic Chinese people, is the answer to all the red-baiters, stool-pigeons, Trotskyites, fence-sitters and turn-coats in the world. M. D.

### Another Donation From Connecticut—

Bridgeport, Conn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed please find cash for twenty-five dollars as my contribution to the Daily Worker. S. Z.

## Questions and Answers on the War Situation

By  
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER



Question—Is not the advance of Soviet troops into Finland a violation of the Finnish people's right of self-determination?

Answer—It is not. On the contrary, the Red Army is cooperating with the toiling masses of the Finnish people to establish a self-determination and national independence that has been denied them under their reactionary government. Events will soon demonstrate this clearly, in spite of the thick cloud of lies woven by the capitalist press around the Finnish situation.

Let it not be forgotten that it was the Bolsheviks who granted full national independence to the Finnish people only a few days after the setting up of the Soviet Government in Russia in 1917. But the Finnish White Guards, backed by British gold and aided by German bayonets, shortly afterward violently overthrew the revolutionary Finnish Workers' Government and drowned it in blood. Following this counter-revolution in 1919, the present head of the Finnish White Army, Marshal Mannerheim, according to official American Government documents, cold-bloodedly executed 12,000 workers. Actually he slaughtered twice that many.

From that time on the Finnish people no longer enjoyed the self-determination and national independence originally granted them by Soviet Russia. Their reactionary government served continuously as a tool of British and German imperialists, and it had the special task of keeping for them an armed threat against the security of Leningrad. How deeply American imperialism was interested in maintaining Finland as a valuable strategic starting point for a war against the U. S. S. R. is well illustrated by its present frantic activities to keep the Finnish butcher, Mannerheim, in power. It was precisely because the masses of the Finnish people had no self-determination; because the Ryti-Mannerheim ruling clique were puppets of British and American imperialism, that the government brought about the present conflict by rejecting the just proposals of the Soviet Government, which would have guaranteed the peace and national integrity of Finland.

The new People's Democratic Republic of Finland, headed by Otto Kuusinen, will restore the self-determination of the Finnish people, robbed from them by the Mannerheim White Guards. It will put an end to imperialist intrigues in Finland and stop once and for all the use of the Finnish Government as a war weapon or world imperialism against the Soviet Union. The new Finnish Government has already worked out a practical agreement with the Soviet Government, one which will guarantee the Finnish people full national freedom, a perspective of peace, and an opportunity for the whole people (not merely a clique of landlords and capitalists) to develop a prosperous life. This agreement gives the lie to all the capitalist propaganda about Soviet "aggression."

Question—How can it be asserted that England instigated Finland to make war upon the U. S. S. R. when it was not in a position to lend decisive military aid to that country?

Answer—England is playing its own imperialistic game, and it has no qualms about selling Finland down the river when such a sell-out serves its interests, any more than it had in betraying Spain, Czechoslovakia, Poland, China and Ethiopia. England wants to spread the war by dragging the neutrals into it on the Allies' side, and on this line it definitely instigated the Finnish reactionaries into rejecting the moderate Soviet proposals in order to try to embroil the United States, Italy and the Scandinavian countries. Especially Tory England is also striving to transform its present war against Germany into a general capitalist attack against the Soviet Union, and in this aim American imperialism is helping it. To this end the Finnish-Soviet conflict has been seized upon by British imperialism and world reaction generally as an occasion for creating hostility to the U. S. S. R. by circulating an outrageous barrage of lies, and seeking to raise a "moral justification" for it. England will consider the White Guard Finnish Government well lost if it serves by its demise to advance the war plans of the great British capitalists.

### Wants Del's Strip In Comic Book

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have been reading your comic strip for several years, and like it more and more, and am greatly amused by it. I wish very much you would consider making one of the comic strip funny books out of the material for your strip. I am certain that a comic book based on your strip would be vastly better and more interesting and more popular than many of the comic strip books that are current on the newsstands, to say nothing of the good word that your strip would carry. Cannot you do something about making a book out of your comic strip? E. C. BERKELEY.

### Inspiration to Come in Contact With True Friends of the Cause—

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is an inspiration to come in contact with M. & S.T. and their friends. Not Party members, but sincere and devoted friends of the Communist Party, they always come forward with their generous aid when we call upon them for help.

This time at a house party given at their home, comrades and a small group of friends raised \$50 for our fund.

Thank you, friends. I. K.

### Charity Should Begin at Home—

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

With thousands of unemployed workers facing starvation in America, this country lends ten million dollars to Finland without any guarantee of ever getting it back.

Do they expect to collect this debt or is it an excuse to declare war on the U. S. S. R. in order to "protect" Wall Street's interests (\$50000) in Finland?

"Charity should begin at home." How much better it would have been for this government to lend this amount to the city of Cleveland to take care of the unemployed. It is the duty of every government to protect its own citizens. V. E. V.

### Ex-Vet Contributes to D.W. Drive

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed you will find one dollar toward my contribution for the truth to be forwarded on our paper, the Daily Worker. EX-VETERAN.



## CHANGE THE WORLD

Life for the Workers  
Has Always Been a Battle  
Against Hostile Forces  
By MIKE GOLD



I REMEMBER once attending a Slovak miner's wedding in the Coaldale area. At one point in the festivities a group of the boys started a little proletarian bragging. They wanted to show me, a lily-handed writer, how tough mining really was.

So they all began stripping off their shirts to display their scars. Twenty or more out of some thirty men in the room had been caught in serious accidents or explosions. Their backs, chests and thighs were marked up like weird maps with the blue scars of exploding powder. They certainly had been through a war.

And so had their women and children, in surviving some of those long, merciless strikes for a dab of butter on the miner's bread.

Life for the workers has always been a battle, full of wounds, tears, sudden death, monotony, hunger, grief and struggle, even in the richest land in the capitalist world.

I have wandered a bit, and seen some of it, and been eaten with rage, shame and helplessness because I could do nothing to solve this good guy's problem, or that child's want. A Communist gets to see a lot of this human waste and misery, and it is what keeps him a Communist.

Yet I have been trying to figure out recently why capitalist war always seems so much worse than even this dreadful capitalist peace. I am one of those comparatively young men who are seeing their second World War, and I don't like it. One such war would have been enough for any man's brief life-time.

It is not only that all the anti-human cruelties of capitalist peace are intensified a million-fold during such a war. I think it must also be because war brings to a focus all the more or less hidden insanities of the capitalist system.

Ministers, educators, scientists and artists, all the forces that should make for culture, suddenly sink to the level of the beast, and howl for murder. Yesterday murder was the chief crime against society, and was punished by a solemn and well-planned official death. Today it becomes the chief morality. A whole nation, a whole world, develops a fixation on murder. Nothing else is planned, nothing else talked about, nothing else is important. Now the murderers are given medals, instead of the electric chair.

The only justification for this horrible thing called war would be if it were fought for the bread and freedom of the masses. Any man with a shred of human dignity would rather, in La Pasionaria's fine phrase, die on his feet than live on his knees.

But in modern capitalist wars, the great masses are conscripted and shipped off to the great cemeteries without ever really knowing or feeling any real conviction. They murder only because they are forced to. They obey as blindly as Robert Elliott, the famous executioner who died recently. It was he who executed Sacco and Vanzetti, without a flicker of compunction or malice. He held no grudge against Sacco and Vanzetti. It was only his official job to murder, and he did it, and took his regular pay.

But the masses are not even paid off at the end, when they come back. It is to broken homes, to poverty and joblessness. Crippled or shell-shocked, they are cast out in the streets to starve. Capitalist wars are fought because the masters think they can gain some economic advantage. But even they are often fooled. The nations never prosper as the result of all this huge waste and destruction; every war brings new and greater economic crises.

What finally convinces one of the insanity of capitalist wars is that they are never fought for anything positive. They are only fought against something. The object is to crush some enemy who is believed to be threatening one's security. One's own side represents "civilization," while the other always represents barbarism.

But it is a sign of the awakening of the modern masses that this sort of fustian melodrama does not satisfy them. Even in the last war both sides had to work up the appearance of a few positive aims that would convince the masses that some progress and good might flower out of all this great evil. Lloyd George promised an "England fit for heroes to live in," and Woodrow Wilson spoke beautiful words about "a world made safe for democracy."

Today the pressure on the rulers has increased, and even a Chamberlain has begun to speak poetically about a "new Utopian Europe" that will come out of the war. Daladier, mounted on the debris of French liberty he has caused, orates in the same tenor.

But it means as little as the speeches of the previous set of capitalist war-makers. It is merely another aspect of the great insanity of capitalism. There simply is not a true word in all this welter of language. It is propaganda. It is all part of the grand illusion, the vast and sinister hallucination.

Some of our younger comrades who did not see the last war had better prepare themselves for something beyond their worst nightmares. It is not the reasonless mass-murder that will alone horrify them. It will also be the spectacle of a world gone literally mad. The sweetest, kindest, most rational people they have known will suddenly lose their decency and reason. The atmosphere will be that of a universal lynching bee. Any person who clings to his normal sanity will become very lonesome, and will lead a precarious life. He will be despised, suspected, jailed, hounded, and even killed. The insane will have no mercy on the sane.

Yet there was a hidden current of sanity still flowing underground in all the warring nations during the last slaughter. This was shown by the revolts that broke out in almost every land. Modern man simply cannot endure a long modern war. That is what even the masters who make war so blithely might think over, before they plunge us more deeply into this war.

France, a comparatively poor nation, is said to be spending 23 million dollars a day on this present war. In peace-time its capitalists would have made civil war rather than spend a thousand dollars a day to liquidate poverty, build houses for the workers, or improve the health and beauty of the French people.

But they will spend lavishly for killing. That, from any human standard, is not sanity. That is capitalist war. What a great historic tragedy took place in America when our liberal President was swept into this maelstrom of unreason, and became a mere partizan of one capitalist nation against the other!

He could have swung the whole decisive weight of America behind a call for a world peace conference; a real one, not the fake that may be in preparation for the continuation of the war in another form, but a conference that would have included the Soviet Union, Latin America, India, China and other such "outlaws."

Any real movement for peace would have the support of the masses of the entire world. Even if such a congress averted war only for another ten or twenty years it would be worth while. Anything is worth while that saves the lives of another ten million young dead, and another thirty million maimed and ruined human beings, in another capitalist world war.

## Stage Notes

A marionette version of Pinocchio will be presented for children by Gilbert Josephson during the Christmas holidays at the Waldorf Theatre, 50th Street and Sixth Ave. for a five day run beginning Dec. 26th and playing through Saturday, December 30th.

The marionette production of Pinocchio is based on the Federal Theatre play of the same name, and is being directed and staged by the Suzari Marionetteers.

Three continuous performances of the play will be given daily at popular prices. These will be shown at 10:30 A. M., 1:15 P. M. and 3:00 P. M.

In addition to the marionette production the program will also feature a Walt Disney Cartoon.

As its second production of the current season, the Producers Theatre, Inc., will present Harold Igo's drama, "Steel," at the Provincetown Playhouse in Greenwich Village on Tuesday, December 19.

"Steel," part of an American trilogy, is in eight scenes. It has been staged successfully at the Yale Drama School and twice at the Pasadena Playhouse.

"Steel" was directed by Ad Korns, who plays a featured role. Others in the cast include Donald DeFore, Priscilla Jamison, Paul Rohman and Evelyn Evers.

Settings are by Melville Bernstein, and the lighting is by Edward Fitzpatrick. Prices range from 55 cents to \$1.65. Reservations are being accepted.

Negro Musicians  
Again at Carnegie  
In Unique Program

By James Dugan

As one of the conspirators in the first comprehensive concert of American Negro music held by New Masses last December at Carnegie Hall, this writer would like to bang off a congratulatory hat riff for the Theatre Arts Committee for sponsoring the second "From Spirituals to Swing" at the same place, same time, this year.

In a way, TAC isn't going to settle anything by demonstrating a new batch of talent because last year's audience is still arguing about the original group. One eminent music critic didn't cover the concert but eight months later took a couple of columns to blast away at the program notes. For one thing, that brisk Christmas Eve introduced the greatest new thing in jazz—the boogie woogie piano players—Pete Johnson from Kansas City, and Albert Ammons and Meade "Lux" Lewis of Chicago. When these stocky, cheerful gentlemen stepped up to the Steinway and the ancient \$10 speakers and began to slug away at the keys, something happened in Carnegie Hall that has been echoing up and down the world. Jazz fans from Java to Scandinavia have been traveling here by dog sled and carrying piper to Cafe Society, the Boogie Woogie Mecca on Sheridan Square. Elliott Paul, the author, came back from Paris, heard the Boogie Woogie, threw away his accordion, and began to take piano lessons from Albert Ammons, who cannot read music. If Mr. Paul had undertaken to rewrite the Encyclopedia Britannica, he could not have chosen a more bodacious task than learning how to play Boogie Woogie, which gives the author the impression of six left-handed men adding embellishments to six crazy player pianos. The Boogie Woogie will be on hand this year to play the new stuff they have composed, assisted by the blues shouter, Big Joe Turner, who could put over a lullaby to a choir of riving guns.

Count Basie's extraordinary jazz band, also from Kansas City, set up at Carnegie Hall last Christmas and played One O'Clock Jump for ten minutes. This little number, which is obligatory when Basie's band shows up, is rather a far cry from Schubert's Serenade but the Carnegie Hall audience had been crushed to helplessness by the piano players and they could only beat time feebly on the arms of the seats. In the more pensive instrumentation of the Kansas City Six and Seven, drawn from the Count's personnel, the audience heard the subtle chamber music of jazz. This year the small Basie ensembles will have as soloist the King of Swing, Count Basie's foremost admirer, Benny Goodman, himself. Benny has played in Carnegie Hall before, both as a jazz artist and in the premier of Bela Bartok's Rhapsody, written for himself and Rhapsody. But it is doubtful whether Benny will ever be in tougher company than the boys in Basie's Hot Six-Buck Clayton, trumpet; Jo Jones, drums; Walter Page, bass; Freddie Green, guitar; Lester Young, tenor saxophone; and the Count on piano. Lester Young doubles on a clarinet given him in admiration by BO. Sonny Terry, the harmonica

player and rustic blues singer, came out on the stage last year led haltingly by Sam Bryant, the bass of Mitchell's Christian Singers. Sonny is nearly blind. In the haunting, far away strains of Fox Chase and Lost John, rendered in a bewildering admixture of vocal and harmonica playing, the cozy Carnegie Hall audience was suddenly in the presence of an intimate and touching folk art, a thing almost remembered from one's youthful longings distant train whistles, crickets and bullfrogs in a misty summer night, a lonely boy singing to himself afar in the dark. The thunderous ovation given him was as much an attempt to shake off the spell as it was admiration. This year Sonny comes back with a claque waiting for him.

The blues singers in Number 2 will include that charming and lively Holy Roller hymnist, Sister Rosetta Tharpe, who made the audience happy with her cheerful swing admonitions against sin and sloth, the way she sings them in Negro churches. Big Bill Boonay the slow, shrewd blues artist from Chicago will return with his stately parable of the Truckin' Little Woman, his superb Louie, and the heartful WPA Rag. One hopes that Big Bill will be luckier in his footwear this trip; last time he wore new shoes that nearly killed him. James Rushing, Kansas City, and Helen Humes of Louisville, blues artists with Count Basie's band, will help swell the contingent of outstanding singers. Compare the singing of James Rushing and Joe Turner, who were the rival prices of the blues in Kansas City for many years. John Hammond, whose indefatigable interest in Negro musicians made the first concert such a success, is repeating his direction of the TAC affair. Just now John is deep in the South looking for fresh talents to spring on the audience. Two new attractions have already been scheduled. Ida Cox is one of them—a blues singer whose early records are cherished by collectors who thought Miss Cox was dead. But Mr. Hammond found her very



At right, Albert Ammons, who with Meade "Lux" Lewis (top), and Pete Johnson constitute three of the greatest exponents of jazz today.



At left, Meade "Lux" Lewis, who with Albert Ammons and Pete Johnson constitute three of the greatest exponents of jazz today.

much alive after she had been in retirement for twelve years. I have heard a couple of test pressings of records Miss Cox has made since her rediscovery, and I can agree with Mr. Hammond's opinion that she is a blues singer quite near the stature of Bessie Smith.

Spirituals will be represented on the program by the Golden Gate Singers, a quartet of Victor recording artists, whose records are enduringly popular among the Negro people. That's the way it stands now but I am sure Sterling Brown, who will introduce the artists and comment on the music, will have exciting additional surprises to reveal on December 24th. Mr. Brown is the noted Negro writer and educator from the faculty of Howard University.

Tickets are scaled from 55 cents to \$3.50 and there may be left over by concert time. Last year's concert played to standing room. Sitting room may still be had from TAC, 117 West 48th Street, or your music store.

Ellis Island Is Setting  
For Musical Drama of U.S.

By Beth McHenry

A young man who "came over" from a country in Central Europe as a child relates the fear and terror he felt upon reaching Ellis Island.

"This told me this was America," he said. "This place with the gray walls and all the sad and confused-looking people and the inspectors barking

at you and cursing. I guess the biggest feeling I ever had in my life was when I discovered that there was more to America than that."

This same Ellis Island is the setting for a musical drama of "Americans All, Immigrants All," which the Junior Division of the International Workers Order is presenting at Stuyvesant High School on December 16th. These children, the young of dozens of national groups, are making music of the most exciting drama of the world—the people and the building of America, with its great blending of nationalities and traditions.

You'll see here Poles and Italians, Russians and Spaniards, and all the others who came, like every one's folks did at one time or another, across a waste of sea to a new land that held the promise of freedom and better living.

The Villains  
Are There Too

At Ellis Island you'll meet the villains too—the Business Agents whisking terrified uncertain foreigners off to unknown destinations, hurrying them to spots where "labor trouble" existed. You'll see the Poles herded quickly off in the direction of the Pennsylvania mines, the Spaniards dragged away to tenement life and the tubercular future of cigar and dreammaking, the Russians corralled into coal mines and textile and shoe factories.

You'll see a Polish child told to steer clear of a Spaniard, a Russian warned to keep away from the Italians, a Jewish child told to watch his step.

Somewhere in this colorful play, enacted by the Junior Section with helpful direction from the Women's Club Section, you'll meet your own folks. You'll see the long tragedy of the Jews, weary with wandering the face of the earth, hopeful of the new world, but skeptical too; Italians arriving somewhat later than their countryman who got here first, but ready to contribute their enthusiasm and energy to the building of the railroads from "coast to coast."

The rise of American industry, is shown in a huge and dramatic shadow-graph dance, which portrays the role of each immigrant group in "Building America."

Last scene of this exciting and beautiful drama represents an IWO festival, depicting the truly American aims and accomplishments of this great organization, bringing together as it does the descendants of numerous national groups, blending their cultures into new American forms, and helping to

Features 200  
Young Musicians

The Citywide Brass Band, pride of the Junior Section, with its 200 accomplished young musicians, will figure prominently in the festival. The various folk dance groups—Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Italian—have been rehearsing enthusiastically for weeks to make this show as beautiful in detail as it is in theme. Jack Zilbert, music director; Sara Bartel, coordinator of the dance groups; and Daisy Goodman, chairman of the whole production, have worked tirelessly for the past few weeks to make this All-American festival a great success.

The story told will be one that needs to be related over and again, across the end, so that people can remember once more what it was that brought them or their forefathers here to America, so they can remember again and be proud of the hand they had in making America and her industry, and so that they can remember and claim the promise America held out to them across the sea—the promise of religious and political freedom, the chance to work, live and be happy.

Famous Soviet Revivals  
At Cameo; Featured  
With Epic Film 'Shors'

Starting today and continuing for the next five days the Cameo will show, in addition to the current film, Shors, a series of Soviet revivals, as follows: today and tomorrow, Sergei Eisenstein's Alexander Nevsky; Saturday and Sunday, Lenin in October; and Monday and Tuesday, We Are From Kronstadt.

Beginning next Wednesday morning, the Cameo will offer the American premiere of the new Alexander Plushko puppet film, "The Golden Key," based on the story by Alexei Tolstoy.

"VICTOR HERBERT STAYS ON" "The Great Victor Herbert" remains for a second week at the N. Y. Paramount Theatre. Allan Jones and Mary Martin, two of its trio of stars—the third being Walter Connolly—appear with the picture in person with Johnny Green and his orchestra.

Chicago will return with his stately parable of the Truckin' Little Woman, his superb Louie, and the heartful WPA Rag. One hopes that Big Bill will be luckier in his footwear this trip; last time he wore new shoes that nearly killed him. James Rushing, Kansas City, and Helen Humes of Louisville, blues artists with Count Basie's band, will help swell the contingent of outstanding singers. Compare the singing of James Rushing and Joe Turner, who were the rival prices of the blues in Kansas City for many years.

John Hammond, whose indefatigable interest in Negro musicians made the first concert such a success, is repeating his direction of the TAC affair. Just now John is deep in the South looking for fresh talents to spring on the audience.

Two new attractions have already been scheduled. Ida Cox is one of them—a blues singer whose early records are cherished by collectors who thought Miss Cox was dead. But Mr. Hammond found her very

much alive after she had been in retirement for twelve years. I have heard a couple of test pressings of records Miss Cox has made since her rediscovery, and I can agree with Mr. Hammond's opinion that she is a blues singer quite near the stature of Bessie Smith.

Spirituals will be represented on the program by the Golden Gate Singers, a quartet of Victor recording artists, whose records are enduringly popular among the Negro people.

That's the way it stands now but I am sure Sterling Brown, who will introduce the artists and comment on the music, will have exciting additional surprises to reveal on December 24th. Mr. Brown is the noted Negro writer and educator from the faculty of Howard University.

Tickets are scaled from 55 cents to \$3.50 and there may be left over by concert time. Last year's concert played to standing room. Sitting room may still be had from TAC, 117 West 48th Street, or your music store.

A seven week course in editing labor and progressive papers, intended primarily for trade unionists concerned with the publications of their organizations will be opened by the Writers' School of the New York Chapter League of American Writers, at 361 Fourth Avenue, on Monday evening, January 8th.

This course, believed to be the only one of its kind in New York is being taught for the second year by Ira Henry Freeman, reporter for the New York Times, who has also been active in labor journalism. Instruction and practice in editorial writing, editing, copyreading, headline writing, proof-reading, and make-up of publications of labor or liberal groups will be offered on seven successive Monday evenings beginning January 8 at eight o'clock.

Labor union leaders were urged by Miss Nan Golden, executive secretary of the New York Chapter of the League, to send selected members of their unions to be trained in this class for work on the union papers. In the past, a number of unions have given their members scholarships for this purpose.

Students who have not had the preliminary course at the Writers' School are required to have had some experience in journalism or publicity work. Registration must be made before January 8. The full fee for the course is five dollars.

## Prisoner at the Bar

Had they but guarded me but half as well  
When childhood's will was like as  
sculptor's clay:  
One part of what they spend on me today  
Could once have saved me from the lethal cell.

To put me here, a high trained personnel  
Of prosecutor, judge—a slick array  
Of governmental minds, with ample pay,  
Agreed the likes of me were born for hell.

They let me run the gamut of despair  
Without a gentle word or human touch;  
Too busy they with goals of war and trade,  
But when I killed they quickly forged a snare

And grudging no means to clamp their legal clutch;  
To prove that crime can't beat the law's blockade.

—Jack Greenhill.

AT MUSIC HALL  
"Ba'alalaka," gay holiday musical with Nelson Eddy and Ilona Massey, spectacular new Hungarian beauty, will be the Christmas photoplay at the Radio City Music Hall, opening today. W. G. Van Schmus managing director, announces.

## Wilderness of Crosses

By MATTHEW HALL

No trumpet call will rouse these many dead,  
No roll of drums will make their pulses beat,  
No eulogy, however nobly said,  
Can make a victory of this defeat.

If all the millions who were slain could rise  
This day, where they so pitifully fell,  
Then would the accusation in their eyes  
Be more than human tongue could ever tell.

The tread of marching feet would shake the earth,  
And capitals of men be filled with fear  
Of retribution, in this strange rebirth  
Out of the wilderness of crosses here.

Zimbalist, Jack Holt,  
Bing Crosby, WEA, at 10

Efrem Zimbalist, Jack Holt, Una Merkel, Bing Crosby and Bob Burns on WEA at 10 o'clock tonight.

**SHORTWAVE BAND**  
Radio Center, Monday, 7:00 P. M., 8:30, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 M.  
**BROADCAST BAND DAILY PROGRAMS**  
**MORNING**  
7:00-WNYC-Symphony  
7:15-WNYC-U. P. News  
7:30-WNYC-Breakfast  
7:45-WNYC-Morning News Report  
7:55-WNYC-U. P. News  
8:00-WNYC-Trans-Atlantic News  
8:15-WNYC-Monitor Views the News  
8:30-WNYC-U. P. News  
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**AFTERNOON**  
12:00-WNYC-U. P. News  
12:15-WNYC-Midday Symphony  
12:30-WNYC-David Lova, News of Stage and Screen  
12:45-WNYC-U. P. News  
1:00-WNYC-Trans-Atlantic News  
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## Book Notes

"I don't know what made me quit playing cards and look up my current issue of our International Periodical... but I did and there staring me in the face was an announcement of the existence of a book with just the information that I have been wanting for some time." So writes the president of an A. P. of I. Beer Bottlers' Union in a large mid-western city, after seeing his union paper's notice of "Trade Union Facts," pocket-size handbook prepared by Labor Research Association and just issued.

"This book, I imagine," the union official continued, "is something that all members of my union would profit by reading, so after I receive mine do not be surprised if you receive an additional sizeable order."

This is the handbook, containing 128 pages with more than 2,000 labor facts and figures and selling for only 25c, a copy which was recently reviewed on this page by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.

In the few weeks since "Trade Union Facts" has been out, orders for it have been received by unions from coast to coast. National officers as well as local unions are ordering the handbook. Among these A. P. of L. and CIO unions already heard from are the following:

Air lin pilots; Automobile, Bakery, Brewery, Bricklayers, Carpenters, Department Store, Die Casting, Electrical, and Radio, Fur and Leather, Government, Hod Carriers, Hotel and Restaurant.  
Also: Janitors, Laundry, Lithographers, Machinists, Maintenance of Way, Metal Polishers, Maritime, Miners, Mine, Mill and Smelter, Musicians, Newspaper, Office and Professional, Post Office, Quarry, Rubber, Shoe, Shoe, Steel and Watch Case.

## MOTION PICTURES

EXCLUSIVE NEW YORK SHOWING:  
LAST 6 DAYS:  
ALEXANDER DOVZENKO'S  
**'SHORS'** AND ALEXANDER NEVSKY  
Red Commander of the Ukraine Also with "SHORS"  
Sat. & Sun. LEVIN IN OCTOBER - Mon. & Tues. WE ARE FROM KRONSTADT  
CAMEO, 42nd St., East of Broadway | 25c to 50c  
Today and Tomorrow Only!  
SERGEI EISENSTEIN'S  
Musical Score by Sergei Prokofiev  
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THE STAGE  
TALLULAH BANKHEAD in  
THE LITTLE FOXES  
LILLIAN HELLMAN'S Dramatic Triumph  
with Patricia Collinge and Frank Conroy  
NATIONAL THEATRE, 808 St. St. W. 42nd St.  
Box: 8-10, 55c to \$3.50. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 5-10

THE WORLD  
WE MAKE  
By SIDNEY KINGSLEY  
Based on Miller Brand's "The Outward Room" with Margie, Randolph Forster, Herbert Rudley  
GUILD THEATRE, 208 St. St. W. 42nd St.  
Box: 5-10, 55c to \$3.50. Mat. Thurs. & Sat. 5-10



Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland co-starred with June Preisler in "Babes in Arms" now playing until Sunday at the R.K.O. Jefferson Theatre on 14th Street.



# 'There's No Limit' Says Sullivan as Kenny Runs Right Into It

From Ed Sullivan's "Hollywood" column in yesterday's Daily News:

"On Saturday afternoon I saw a wonderfully thrilling thing happen at the Los Angeles Coliseum during the scoreless tie played between the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Southern California. . . . Late in the game 103,000 people stood up without urging and cheered a boy who was leaving the field . . . kept applauding until the boy disappeared in the

field tunnel leading to the dressing room. . . . It was deeply moving, this unparalleled ovation for a boy, because he was colored—Kenny Washington, cheered for 10 minutes by an American crowd of 103,000 people, was proving to all the world that in this country there is no limit to what a boy can achieve if he stays in there and keeps trying."

That sounds good, but it's hokey and Sullivan as an ex-sports writer should know it.

"No limit," he says. That's really ironical. As this great athlete trotted off the College field Saturday for the last time he was trotting right into the barrier of discrimination that will keep him from cashing in on his wonderful talent next year in professional football or baseball.

A great baseball player, Kenny won't get a trial with the big leagues next spring. Because even though the vast majority of American sports fans, like the 103,000 whose roaring tribute thrilled Sullivan Saturday, detest discrimination on the field of sports, the big

league moguls still have their unwritten Jim Crow agreement. And as the professional football magnates follow the lead of baseball, the name of this great All-American back never even appeared on the preferred draft selection list last week.

"No limit," indeed, Mr. Sullivan! Kenny Washington trotted right into oblivion Saturday because of the very definite limit of Jim Crow. And fairy tales like yours are certainly no help to this battle for sportsmanship and democracy.

## NO HOLDS BARRED

By STAN KURMAN

It was late and the two sports writers were banging away at their copy, rushing to hit the headline.

The S.W. on the left typewriter finished his story first and while marking it for copy, said:

"Say, this LIU team looks pretty good. But I can't see them in Manhattan's class."

"Can't see them in Manhattan's class?" shouted the S.W. on the right typewriter, jamming five keys down at once.

"You're nuts. They'll moider Manhattan!"

"Moider 'em!" was the retort cordial. "Where the hell have you been! It's O.K. to figure LIU giving Manhattan a tussle and maybe outkicking 'em for a win, but to even hint that it would be any kind of slaughter . . ."

S.W. number two broke in raucously: "Why CCNY would knock the spots off Manhattan."

"CCNY!" How can you break CCNY into it. They haven't had a team since the days when the school was known as the Free Academy. You must be off your feed. Something must have upset you. Take it easy for a while, chum."

By this time it was getting serious. S.W. number two was looking at S.W. number one queerly. S.W. to the left was returning the dirty look spades double.

"Let's do this calmly," soothed S.W. to the right. "Now take Bradley Tech. Didn't LIU knock the spots off 'em?"

"Knock the spots off 'em huh? If you call a 27-0—or something like that—defeat knocking the spots off. The only spots knocked off in the LIU-Bradley game came off the Brooklyn team."

"Hey, listen dope, LIU blasted Bradley. You wrote a story about it. It was a comparatively good one. You're nuts. Nuts! Nuts! Nuts!"

Then S.W. number one spoke slowly and deliberately. "Look, let's take it easy. You show me where LIU beat Bradley."

"Yeah and you show me where Bradley beat LIU."

And they both made a dive for the record books. S.W. number one, coming up triumphantly with the football records and S.W. number two emerging just as proudly with the basketball records.

## COURT NOTES

Much-travelled Oregon arrived in town this morning for its tilt with LIU on the opening twin bill at Madison Square Garden Saturday night. The Oklahoma Aggies, who face CCNY on the same bill, get in late this afternoon.

Convinced that the team was train-stale against CCNY last year, Coach Howie Hobson has brought Oregon along in easy stages from the coast. The team worked out during stop-overs at Los Angeles, El Paso and Houston and played a practice tilt with Gaylords, Southern AAU champs.

Fordham's sophs just couldn't click and the Ram was upset by the Ivy League's weak Yale, 36-28 Tuesday night. . . . N.Y.U.'s impressive team has another breather slated for tonight in little Hofstra at the Violette Gym. . . . Sophs Ahearn and Jim White looked particularly good as St. John's whipped St. Peter's, 53-39 Tuesday night. . . .

Four of the best pro teams get together on the Arcadia Hall court Sunday night. . . . opener brings together strong Jersey Reds and Wilkes-Barre Barons. . . . in feature Jewels take on Troy Haymakers. . . . Spas are now on top with Bobby McDermott of Baltimore leading the scorers with 121 points. . . .

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